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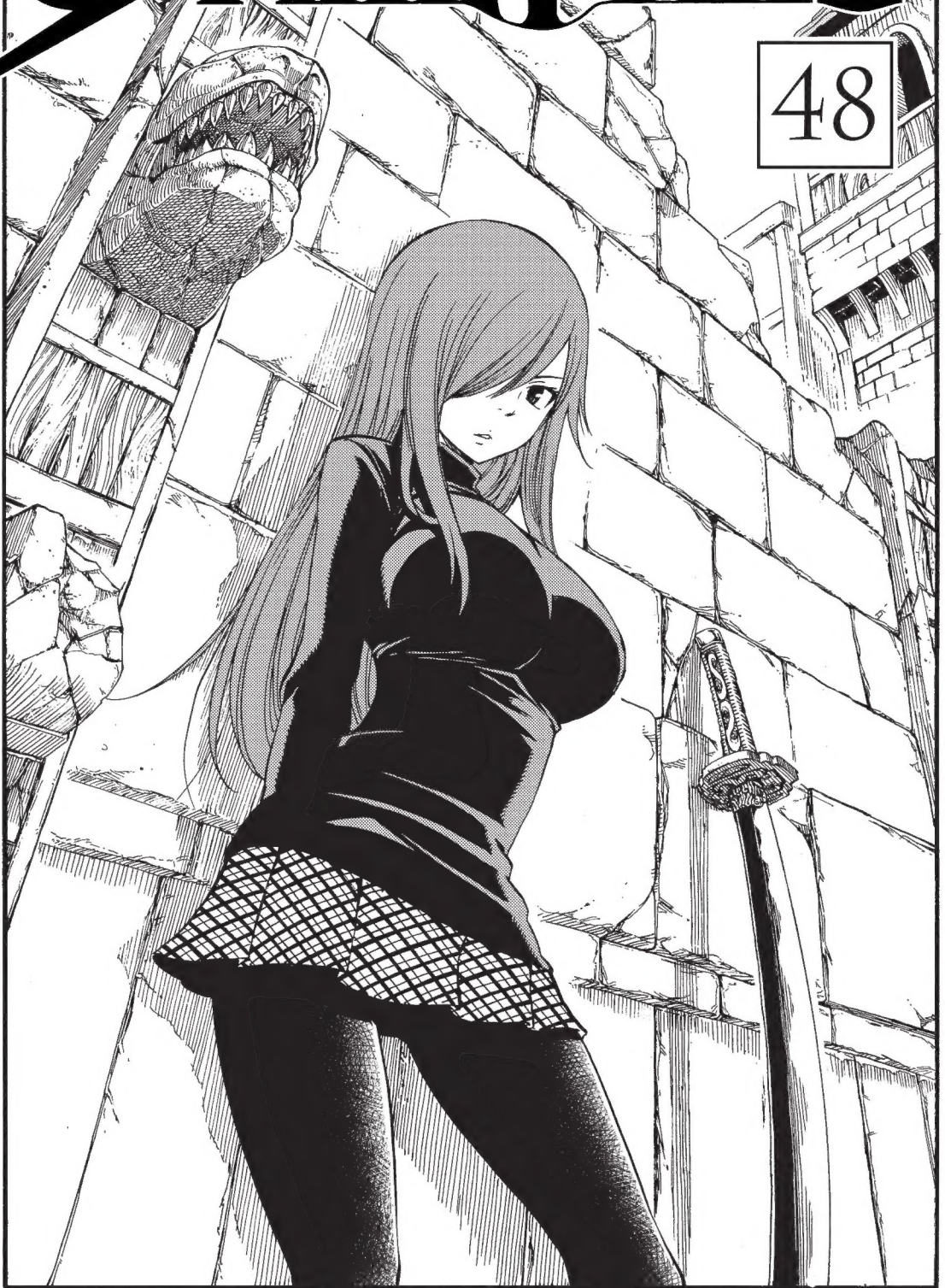
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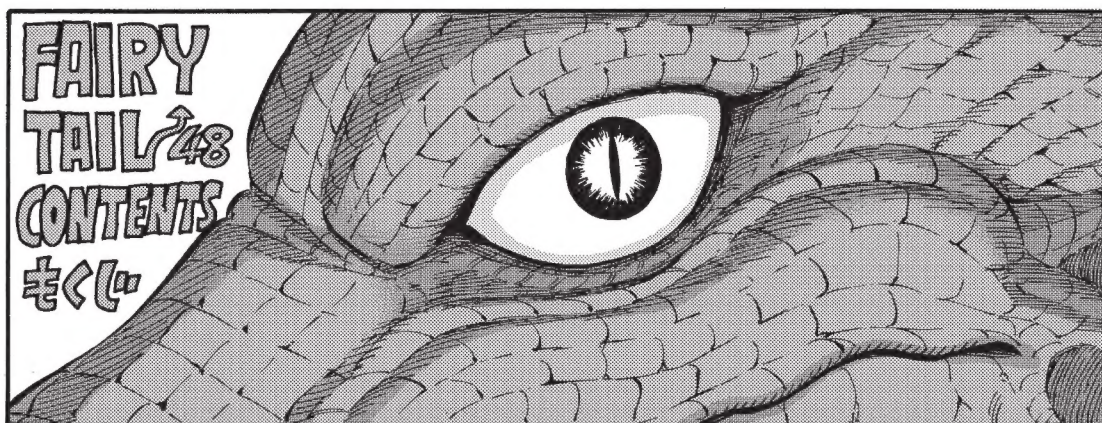
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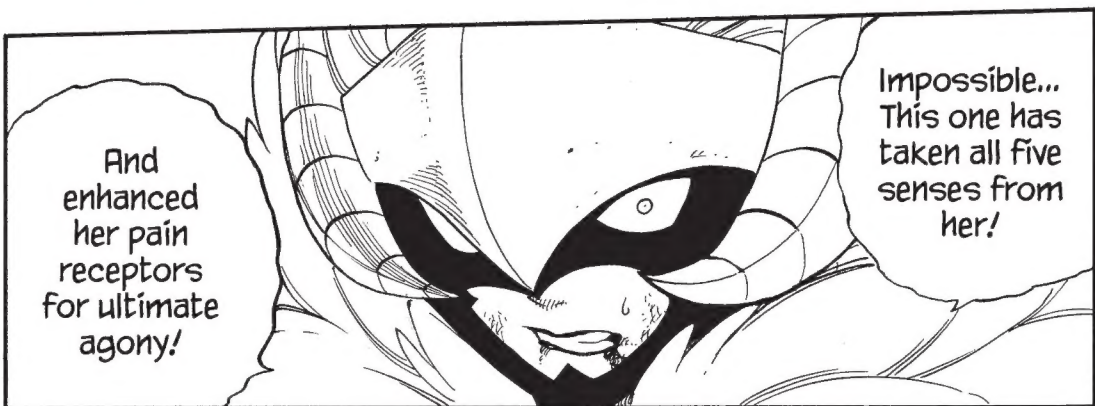
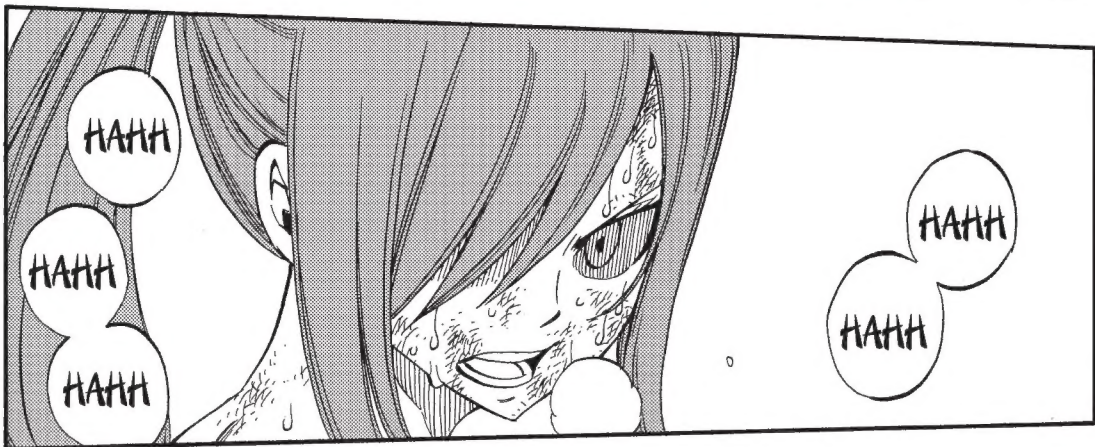
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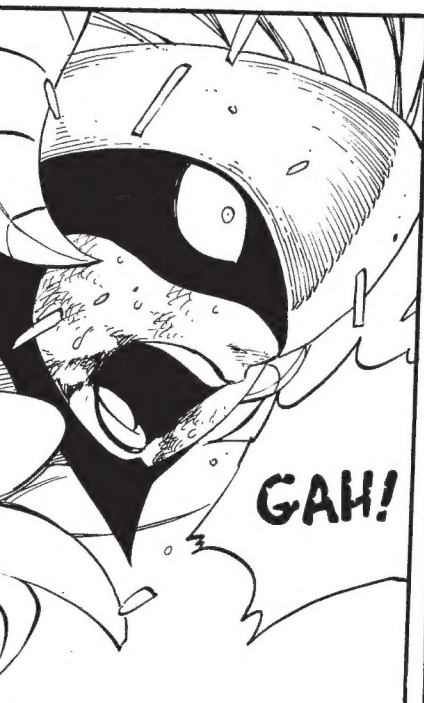
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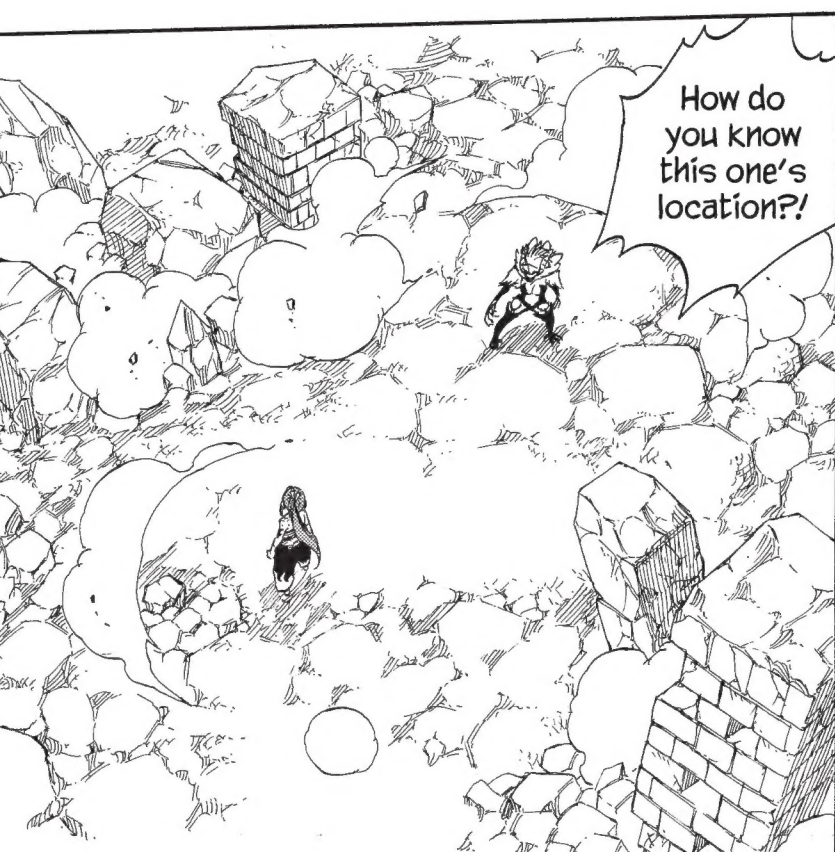
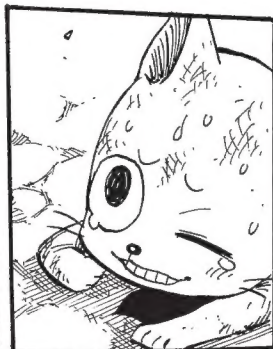
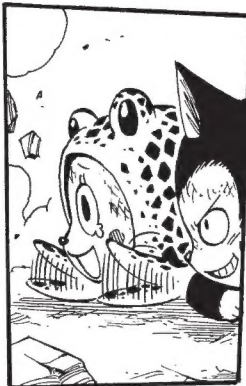
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Chapter 404: 00:00









How do
you know
this one's
location?!



You should
not be able
to see this
one!!

Nor hear
this one's
voice!



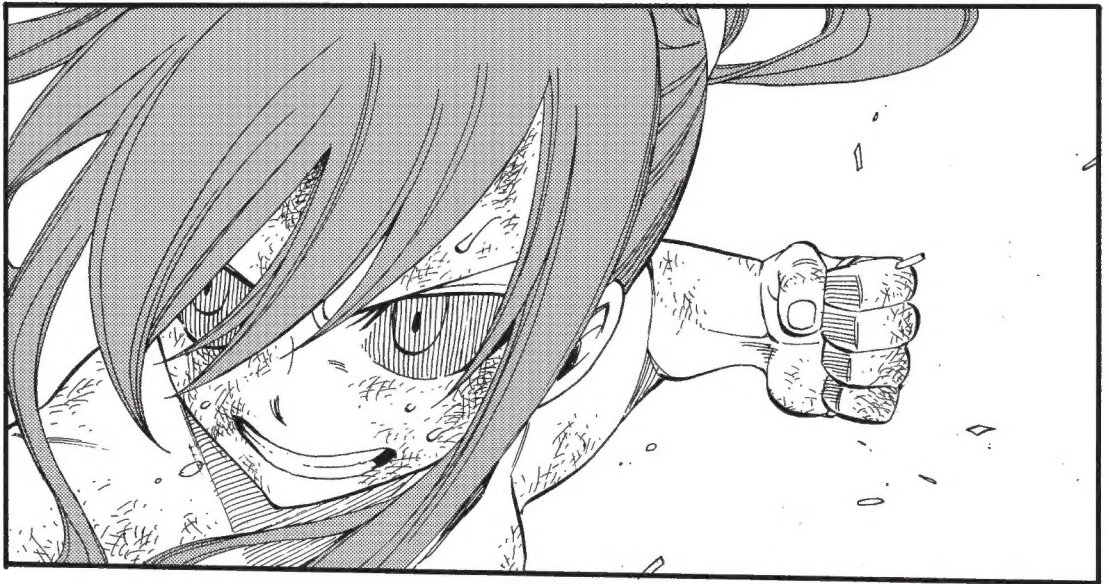
But there's an even simpler explanation.



You take away somebody's senses, and they can develop other senses they never knew they had.



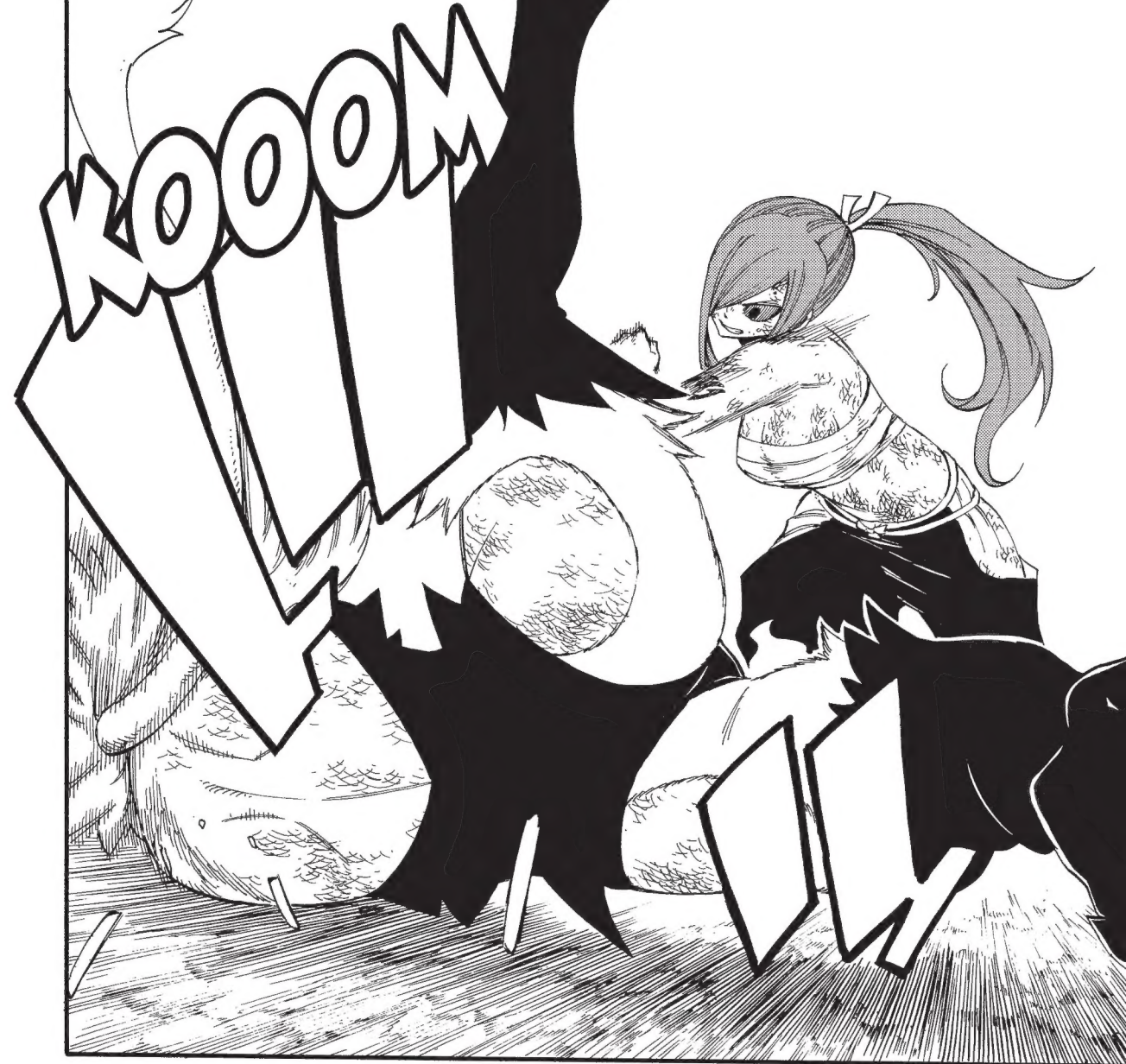
It must be some sixth or seventh sense.

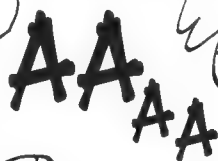
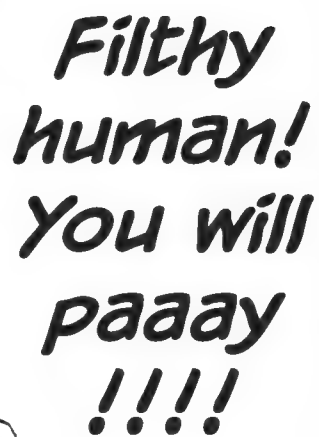


I'll buy that.



It's because she's Erza!





AA

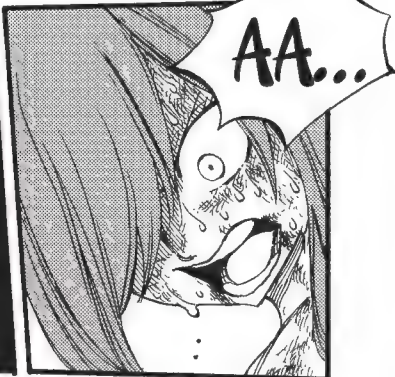
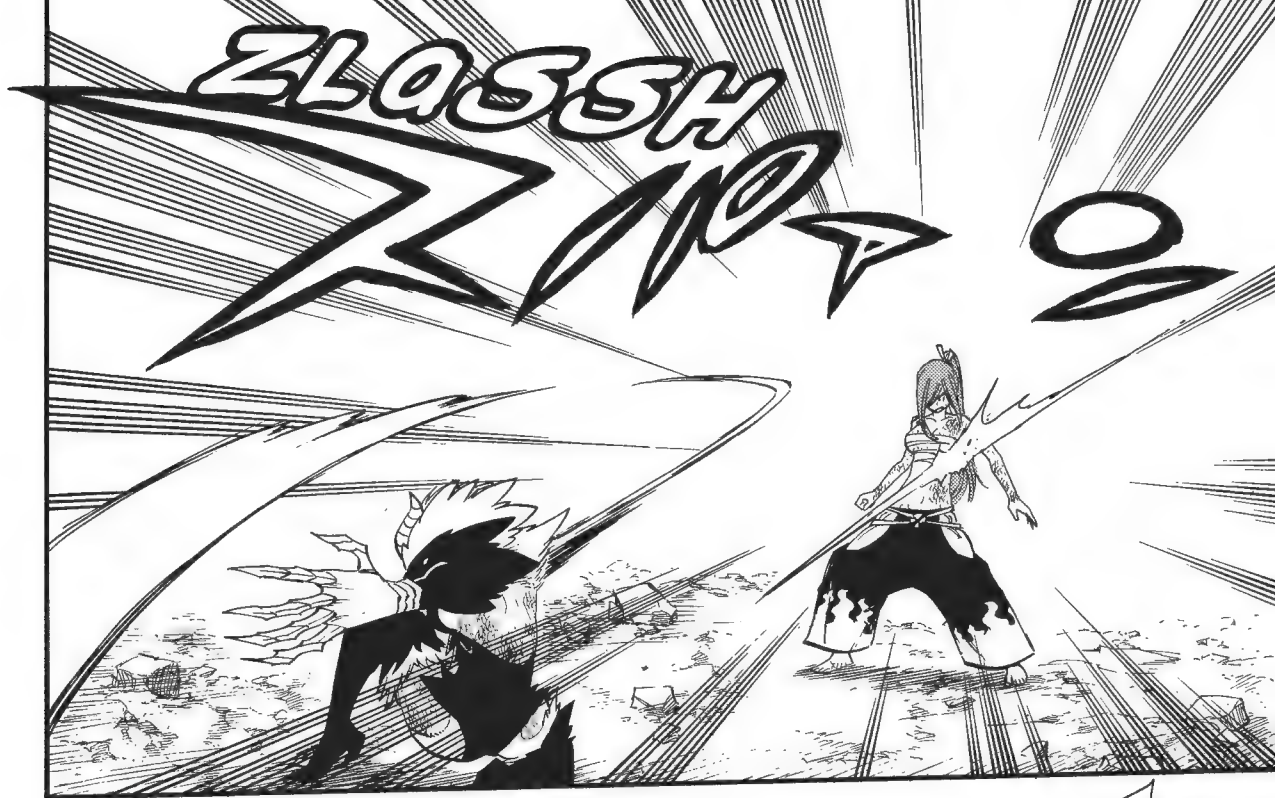
AA
!!!
AAA

HYA

AA

AA





You think you stand
a chance against
a demon from the
Book of Zeref, puny
human?!!!

Erza
!!



AA

AA
!!!

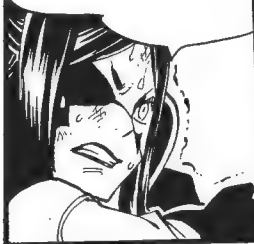
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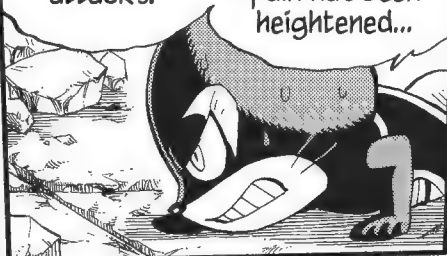
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And her strength is multiplying by the second...



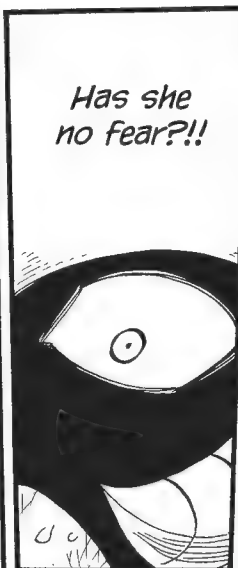
The demon is also strengthening her own attacks!



This is bad... It isn't just that Erza's sensitivity to pain has been heightened...



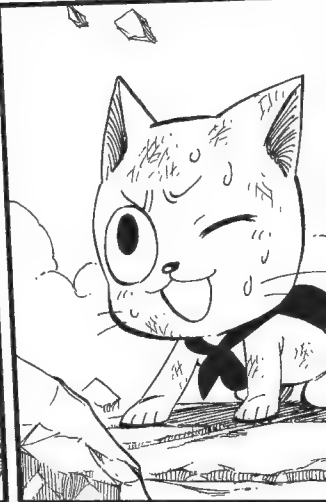
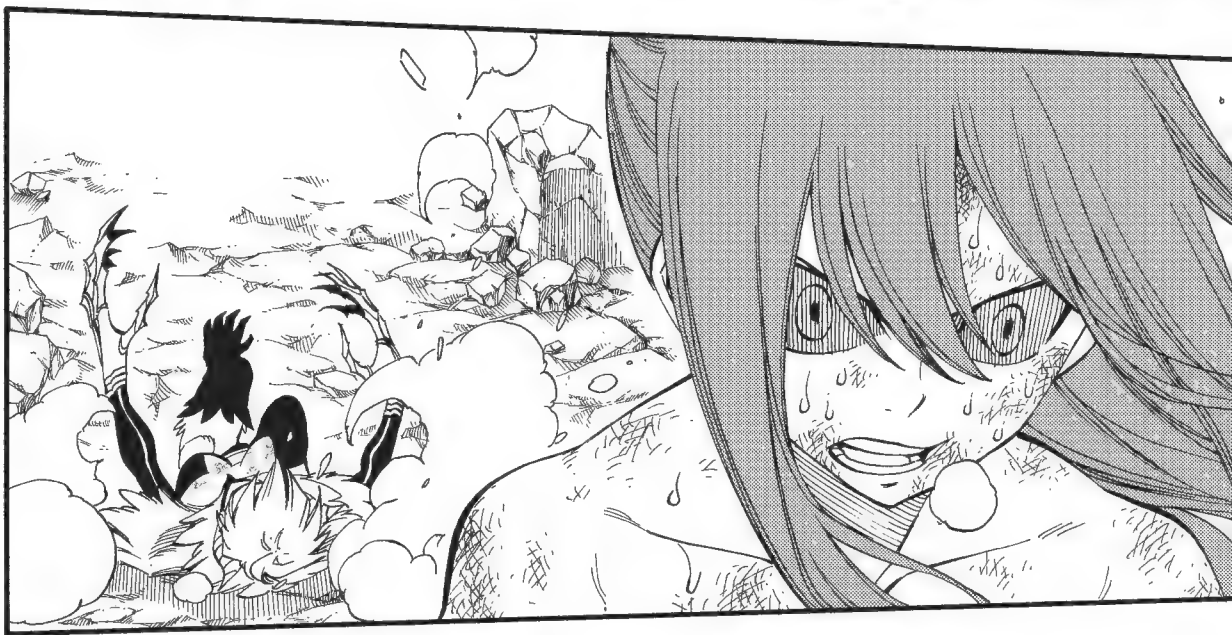


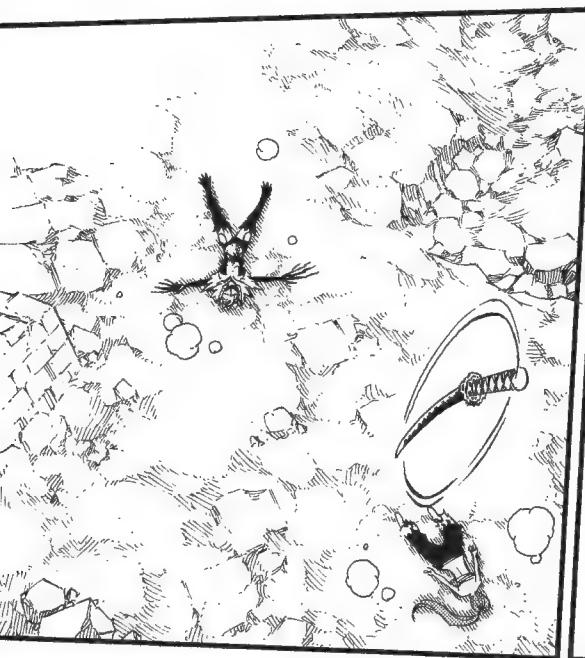
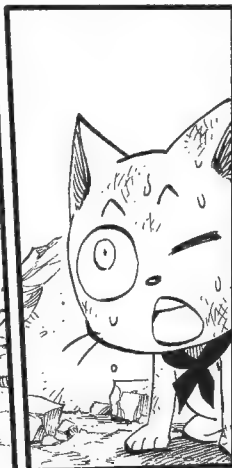


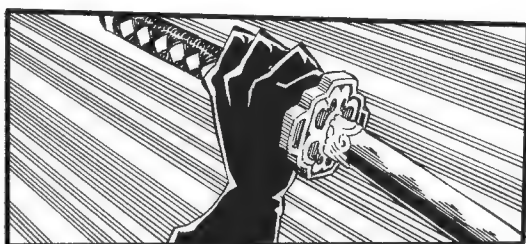
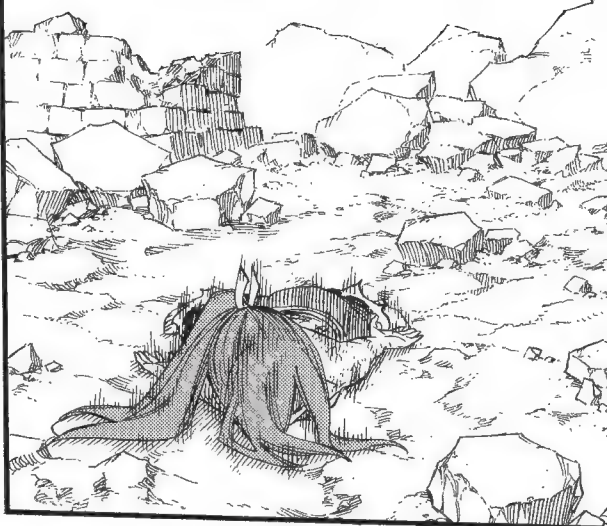
**SHE'S
TOO
STRONG
!!!!**

CLASH

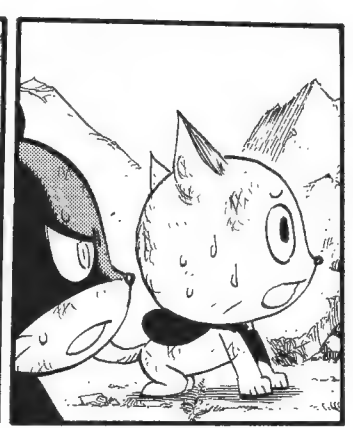
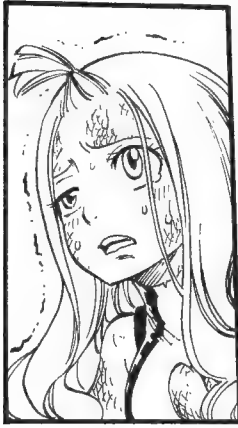
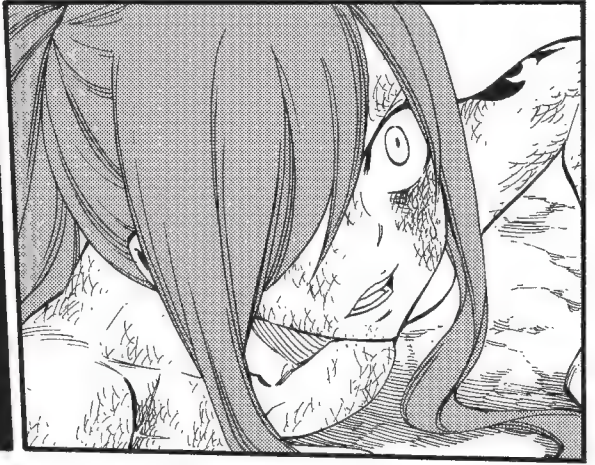


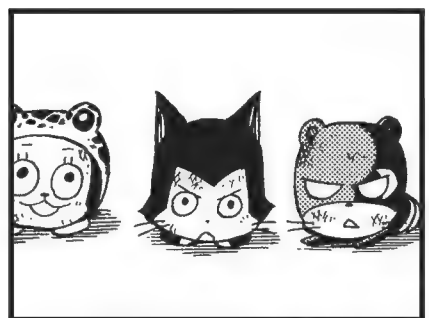












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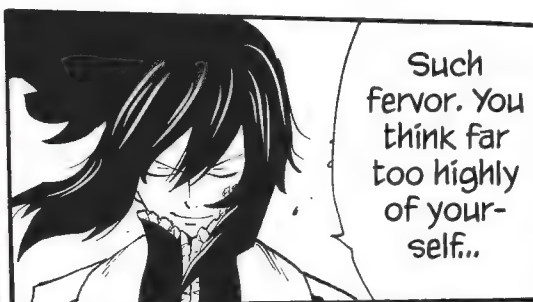


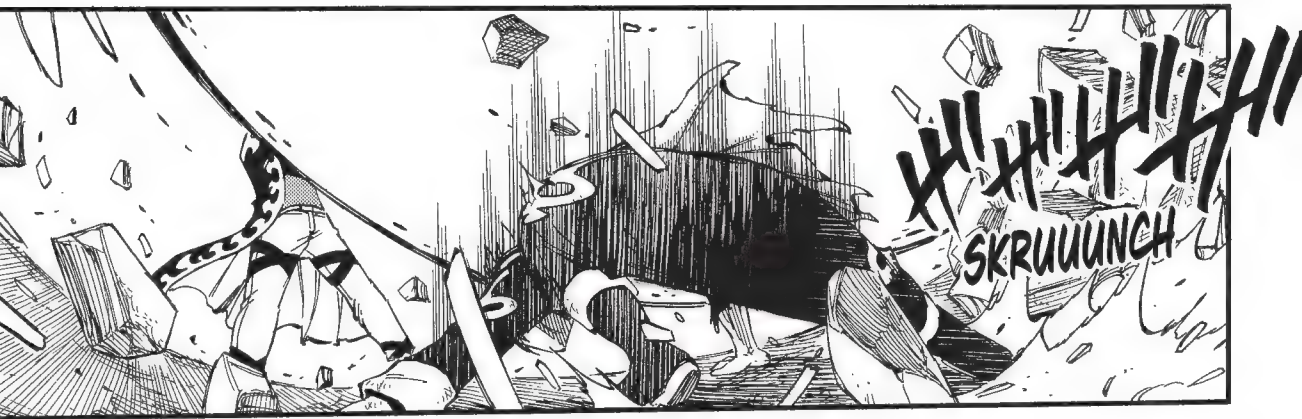
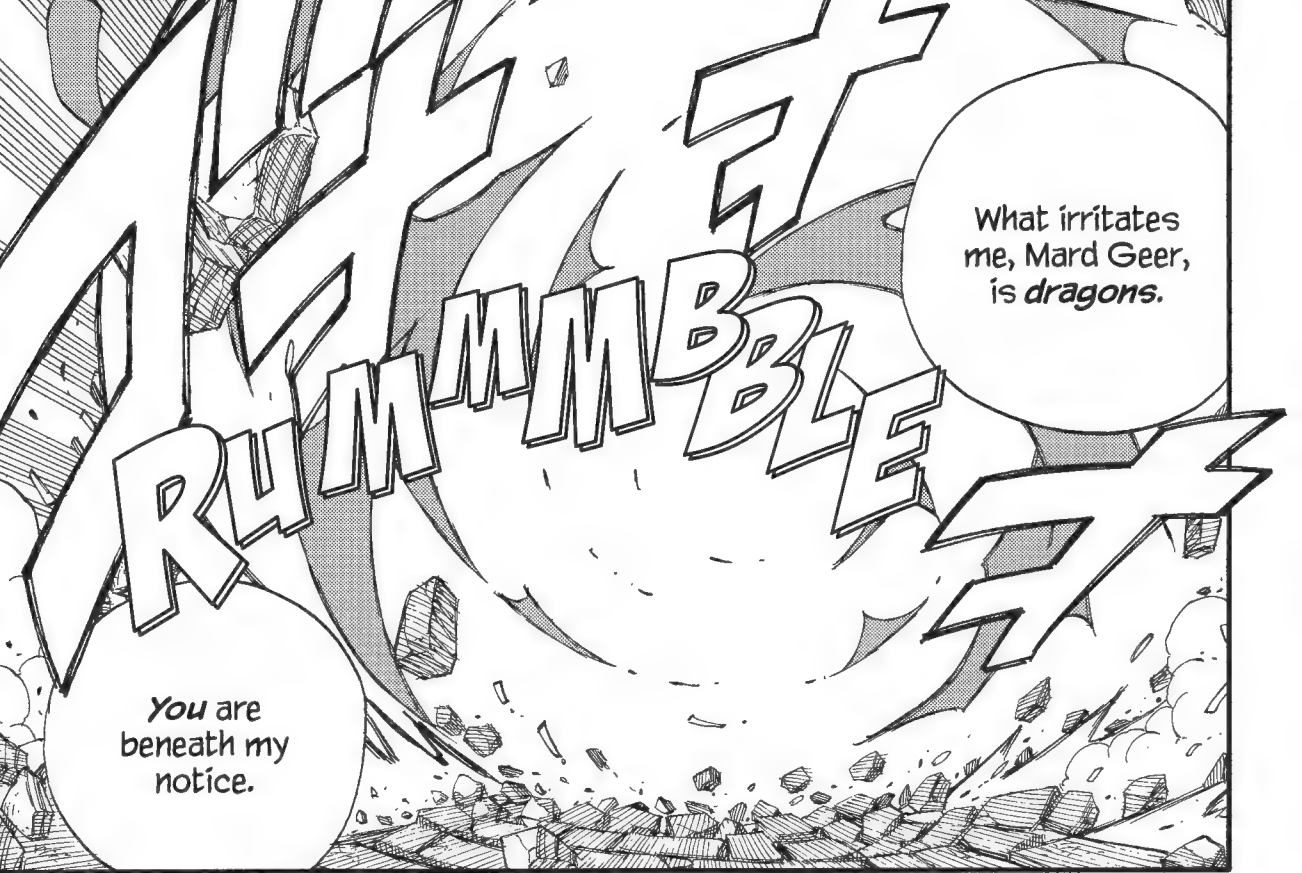
Twenty
minutes
earlier...





Let's
do this,
Igneel
!!!!





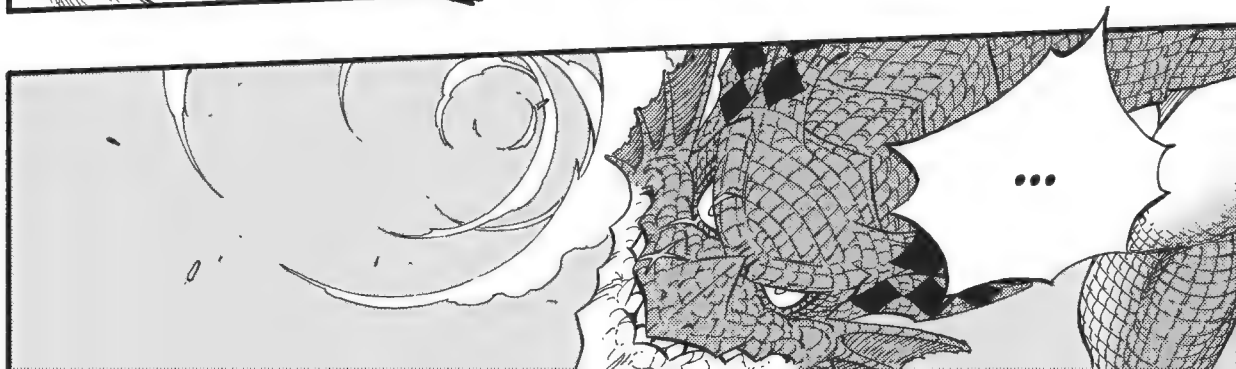
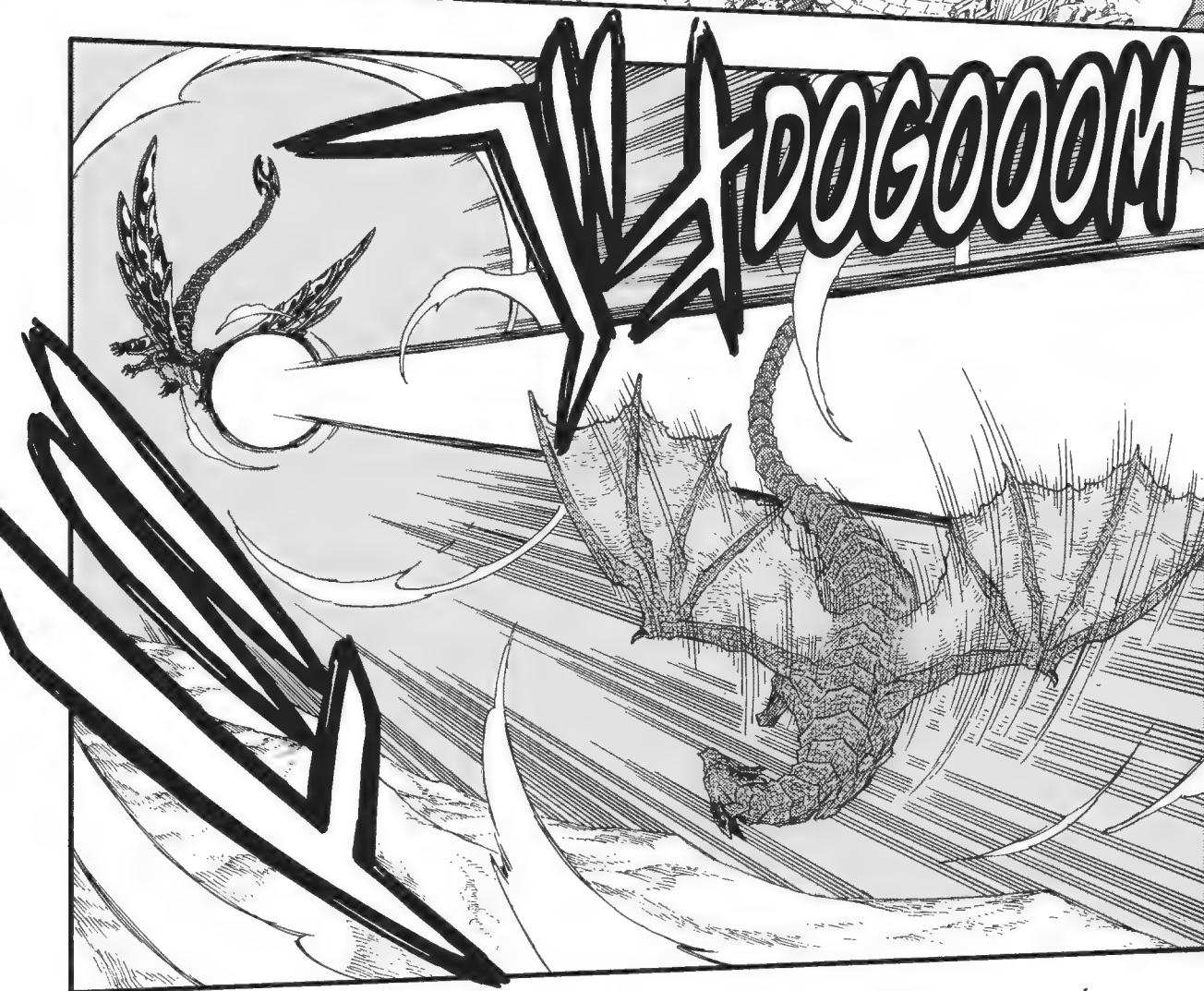
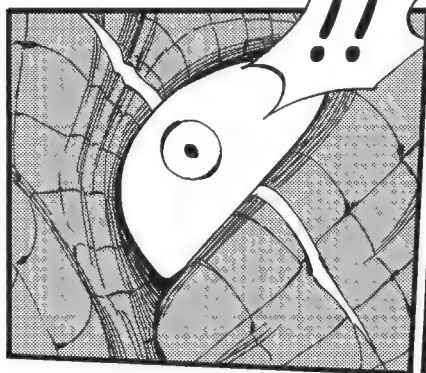
**KARYŪ
NO
KAGIZUME*
!!!!**

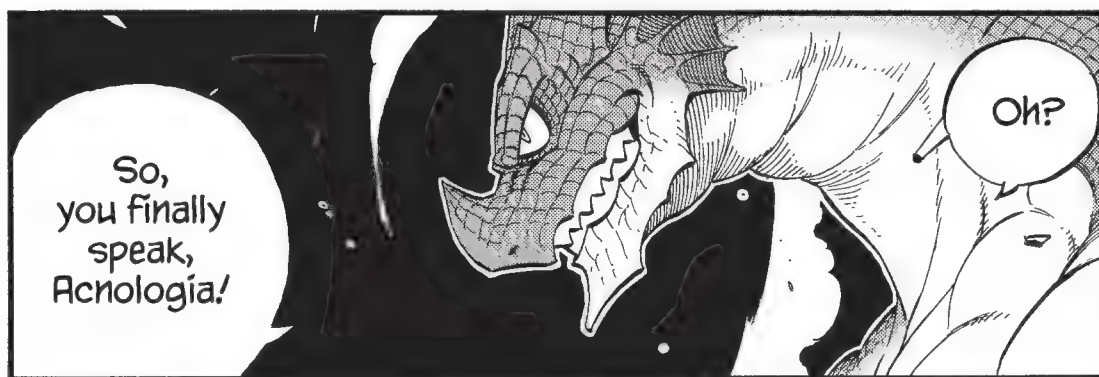
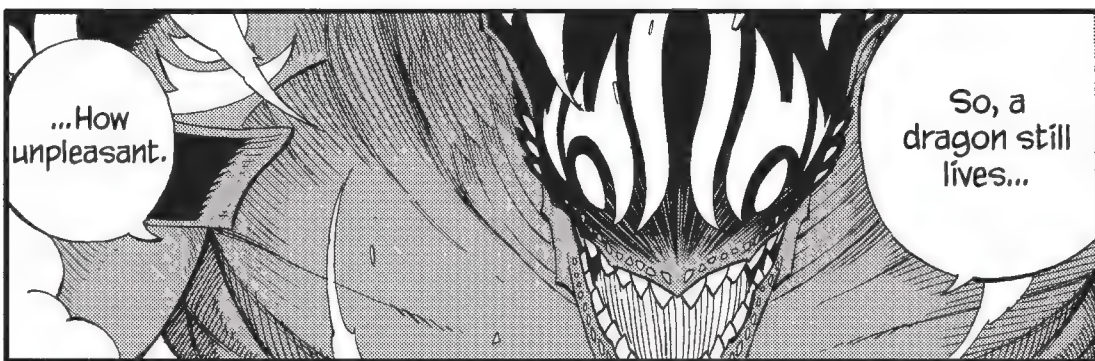
GWOOGH

*Fire Dragon's Talons



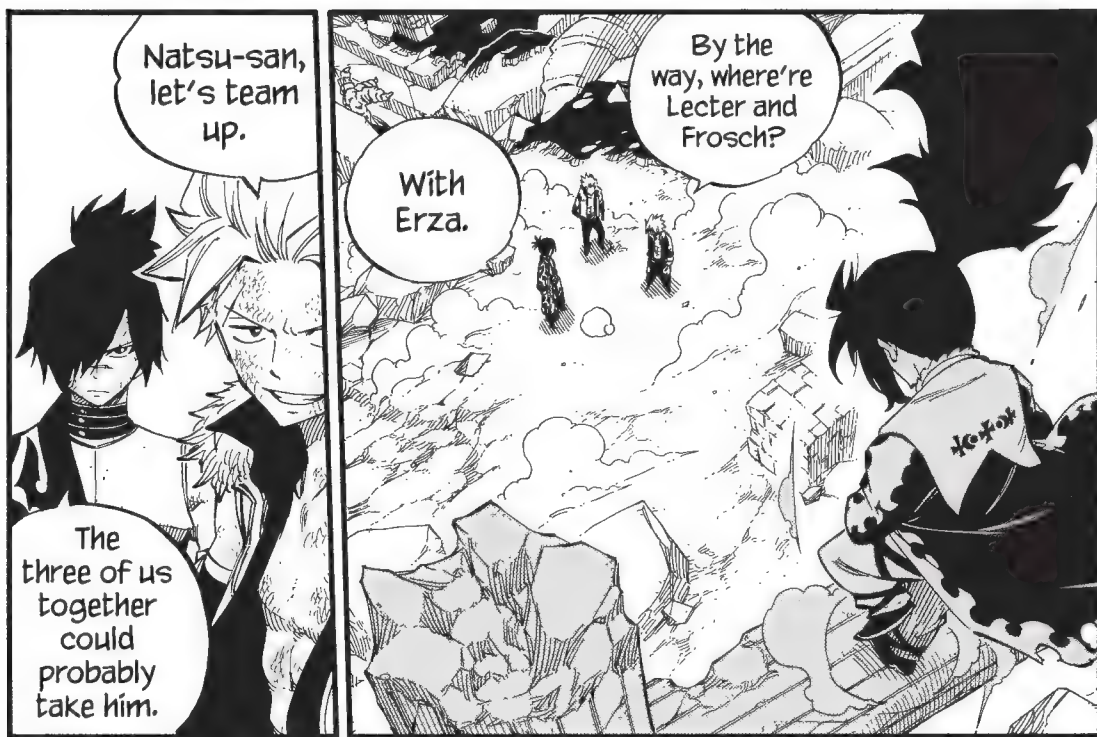






















Two
dragons in
the sky.

And three
dragons'
sons before
my eyes.

Perhaps
there are yet
more of you
as well.

You swoop and
scuttle about my
castle with no
regard...

KLENNCH





*You have
reawakened a
long-forgotten
sensation in
Mard Geer.*

**RAGE
!!!**



You've
finally
caught
up to us
humans!

Happy
to hear
it!



Chapter 406: The Girl in the Crystal







Thank goodness some markers are left!

It's this way... I think.

I'm Gajeel-sama!

Gray-sama...

Gajeel, Levy-chan and Juvia...

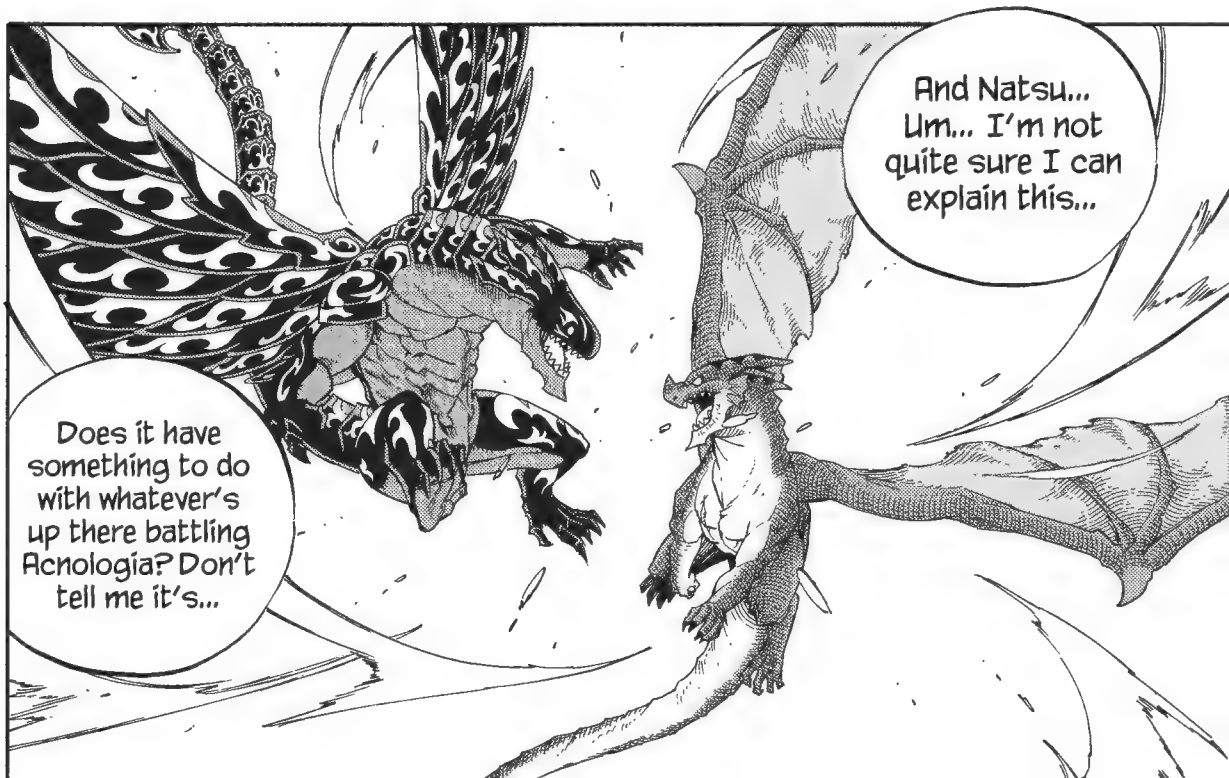
...are trying to get to Porlyusica with the stuff that will help Laxus and the others.



Gray seems to have gotten his hands on some incredible power.

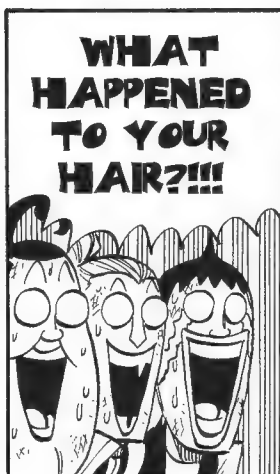
Hm?

What's this doing here?



Does it have something to do with whatever's up there battling Acnologia? Don't tell me it's...

And Natsu... Um... I'm not quite sure I can explain this...





Therefore,
I have
suppressed
mine for quite
some time.
Until now, it
seems.



Emotion
impedes
the thought
process.

A black and white manga panel featuring a close-up of a character with long, dark, wavy hair. The character has a slight, enigmatic smile and is looking slightly to the side. The panel is divided into three sections by speech bubbles.



RUMMMMBLE

I will once
again banish
this emotion
from my
mind...

...as I
eradicate
your
existence!



Here it comes
!!



SWP



Wh-
What's
that?!

I'm sensing
some creepy
power from
him!



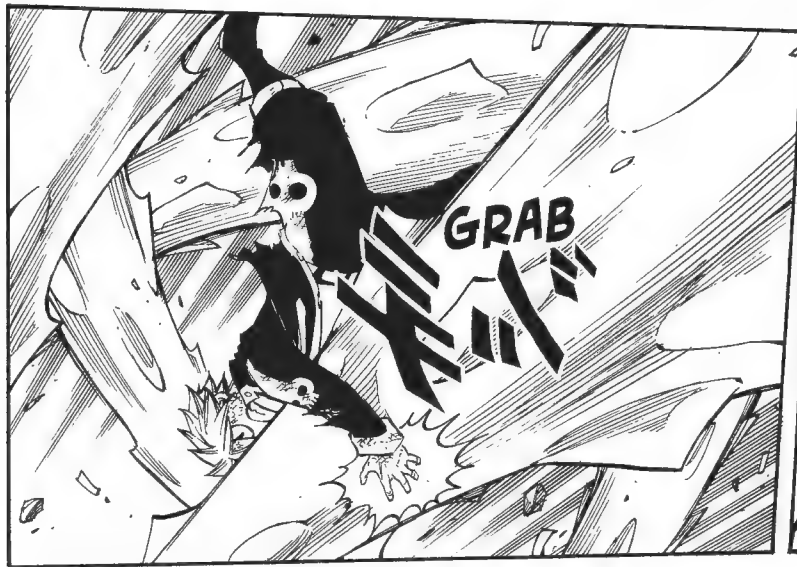
WHOOSH



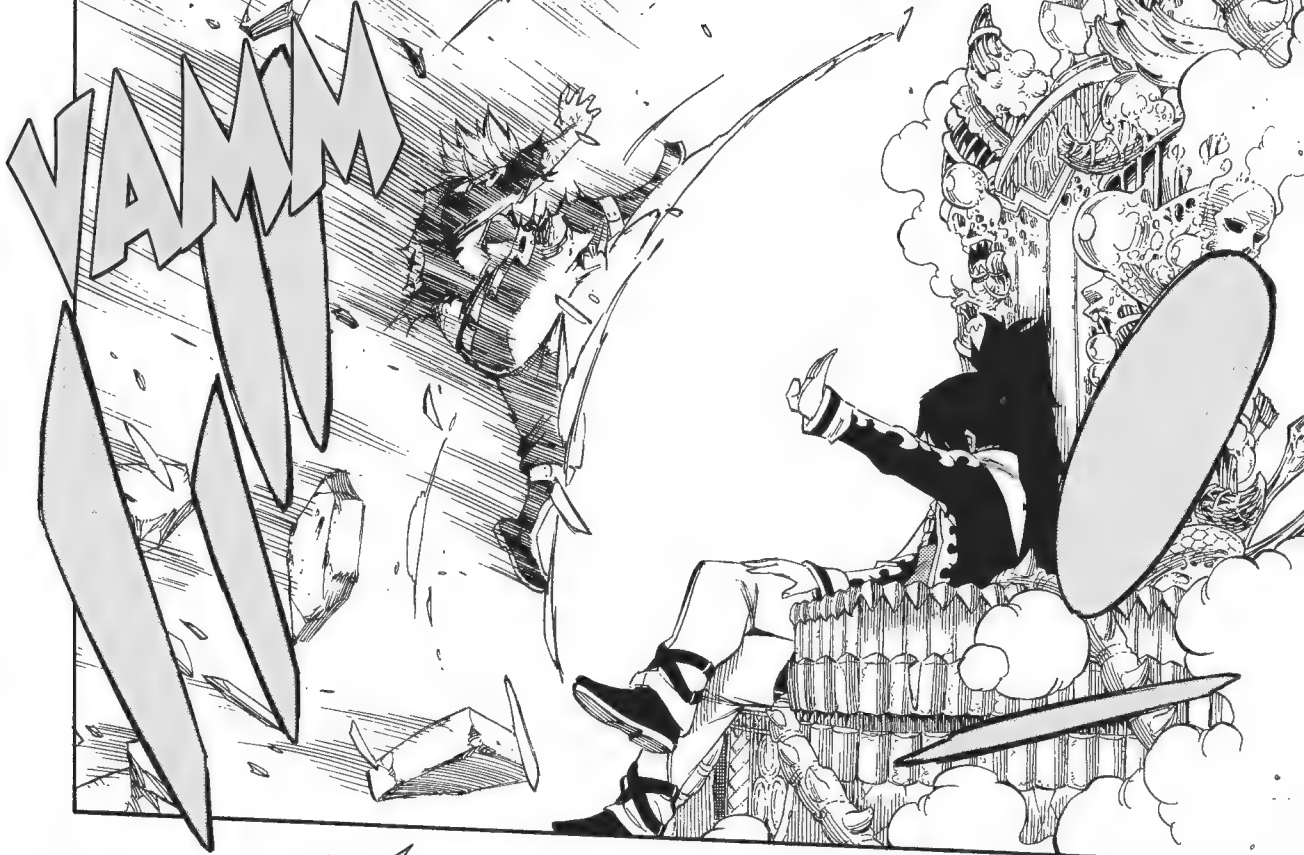
BOOM

BOOM











*Fire Dragon's

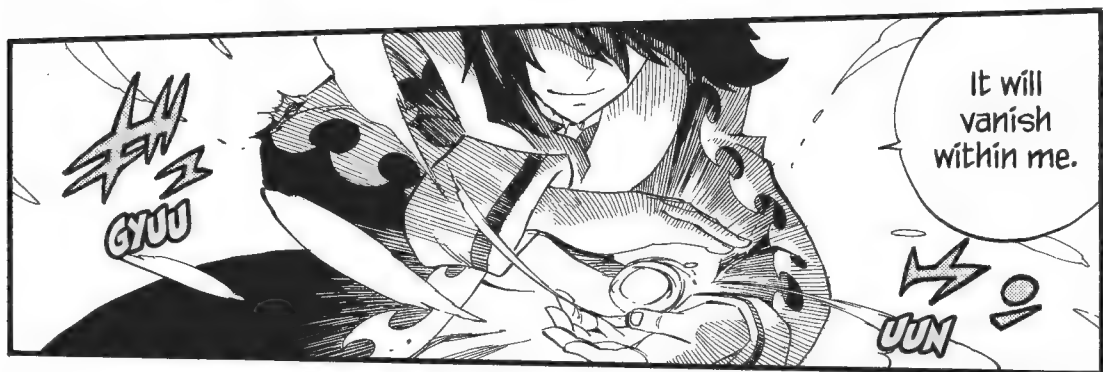
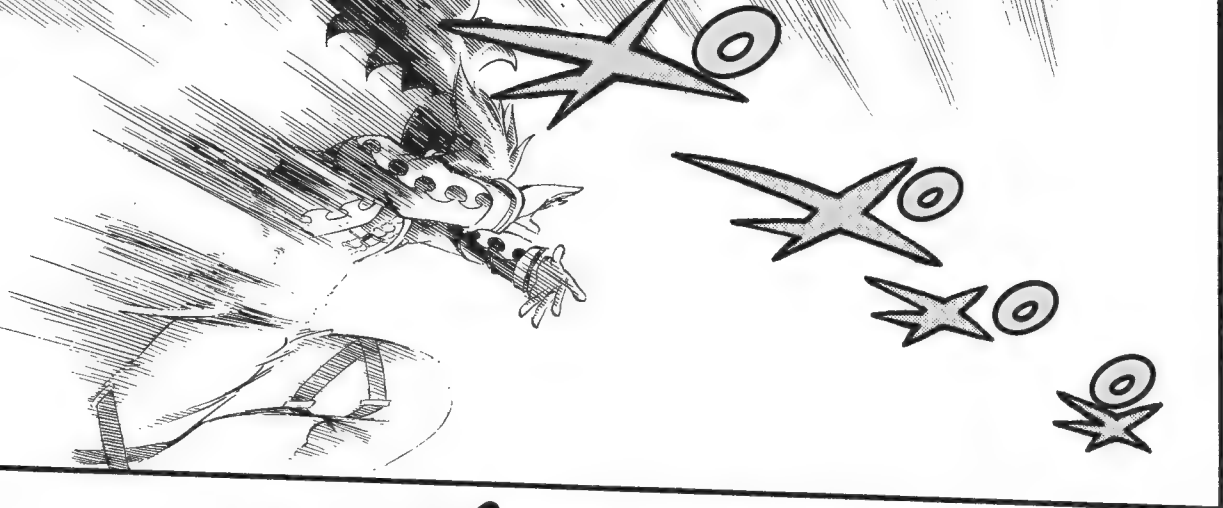






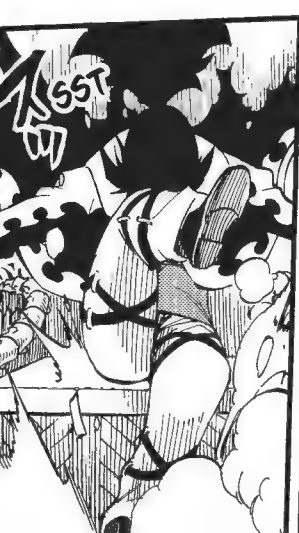
*Divine-Shadow Dragon, Light Fang





**RAIEN-
RYÔ NO
GEKI-
TETSU*
!!!!**

GWOOON









**Fairy Tail's
ultimate
weapon...**

**...LUMEN
HISTOIRE!!!**

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Chapter 407: To Destroy My Very Body





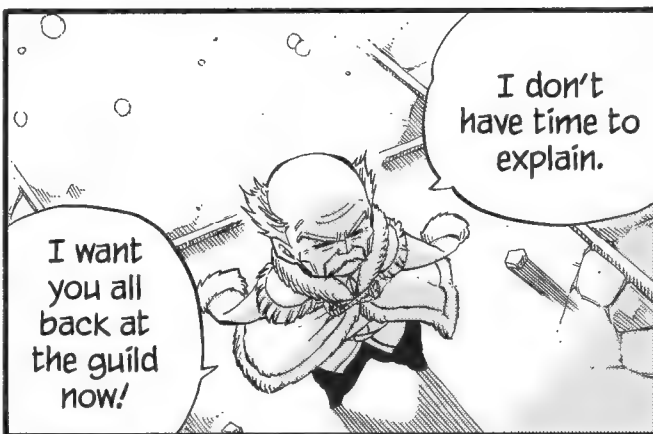
What is that?

Lumen Histoire?



But it was destroyed...

Not so loud!



I don't have time to explain.

I want you all back at the guild now!



And hurry!

To the guild's lowest level!



Even
so, I...

FINE. DO WHAT
FEELS RIGHT
TO YOU.

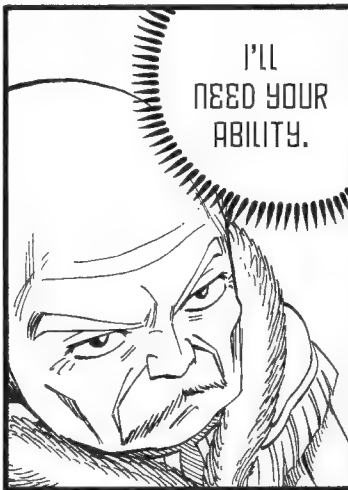
Nobody
blames *you*
for the guild's
destruction.



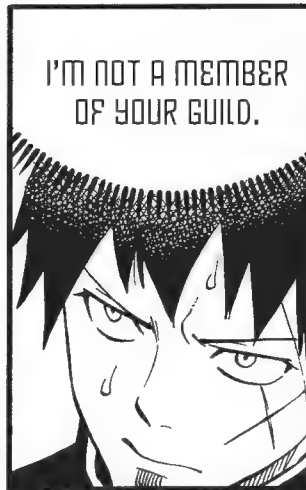
Why?

Elf...

I'll stay
behind.



I'll
need your
ability.



I'M NOT A MEMBER
OF YOUR GUILD.



YOU
COME
TOO.

A
private
message
?



...YOU'LL WIPE ALL
MEMORY OF LUMEN
HISTOIRE FROM THE
GUILD MEMBERS'
HEADS.

ONCE
THIS IS ALL
SETTLED...



I SUPPOSE YOU'LL
EXPECT ME TO
ERASE IT FROM MY
OWN MIND TOO?



YOU WILL
HAVE TO.

THAT'S
RIGHT!



Elf, take
care, okay?

Let's
get there
quick!

Yeah!

What
is this
Lumen
Histoire
supposed
to be...?!



...

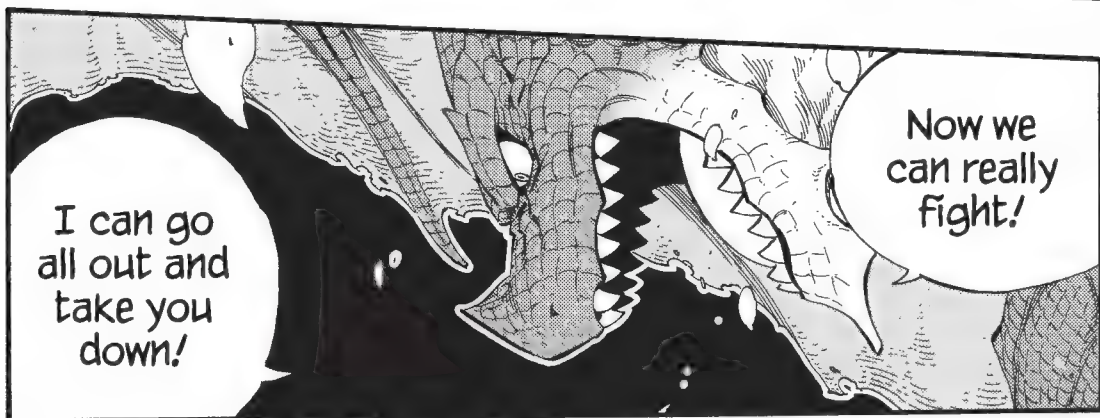


I'm not letting you escape!!



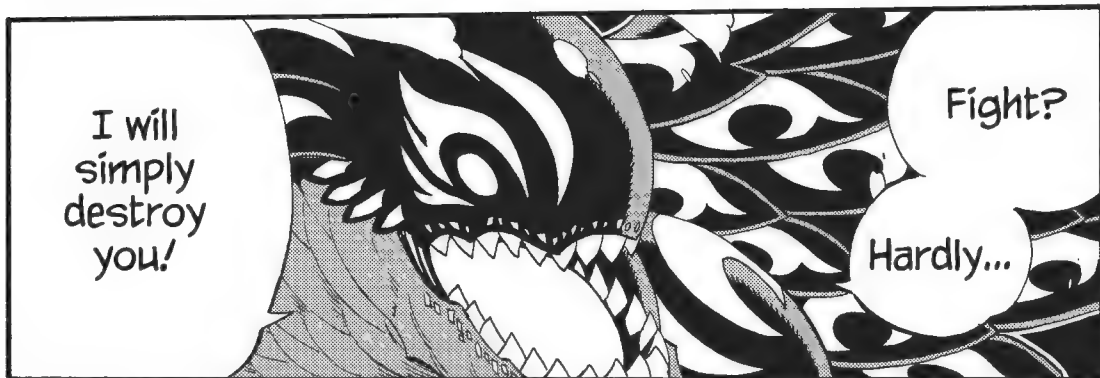
I'm not trying to escape.

And I won't let *you* get away, either!



I can go all out and take you down!

Now we can really fight!



I will simply destroy you!

Fight?

Hardly...



DETONATE FACE
IMMEDIATELY!

KYÔKA, IS
IT DONE?



As long as
it earns this
one Zeref's
favor...!!!



Because
fate wills
it!!



Why would
you go that
far?!!

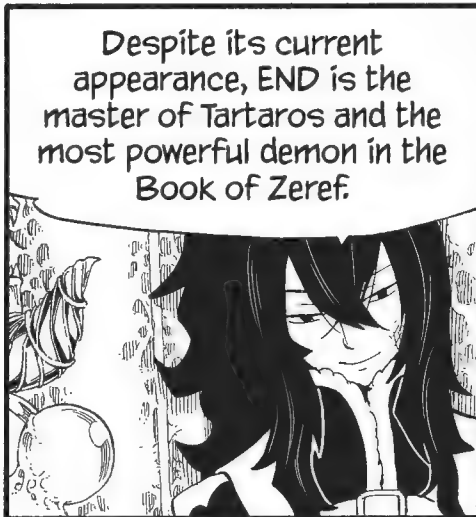


All demons
written in the
Book of Zeref
share a destiny...
to return to
Zeref!!



However...
She does
appear to be
carrying out
her assigned
task.

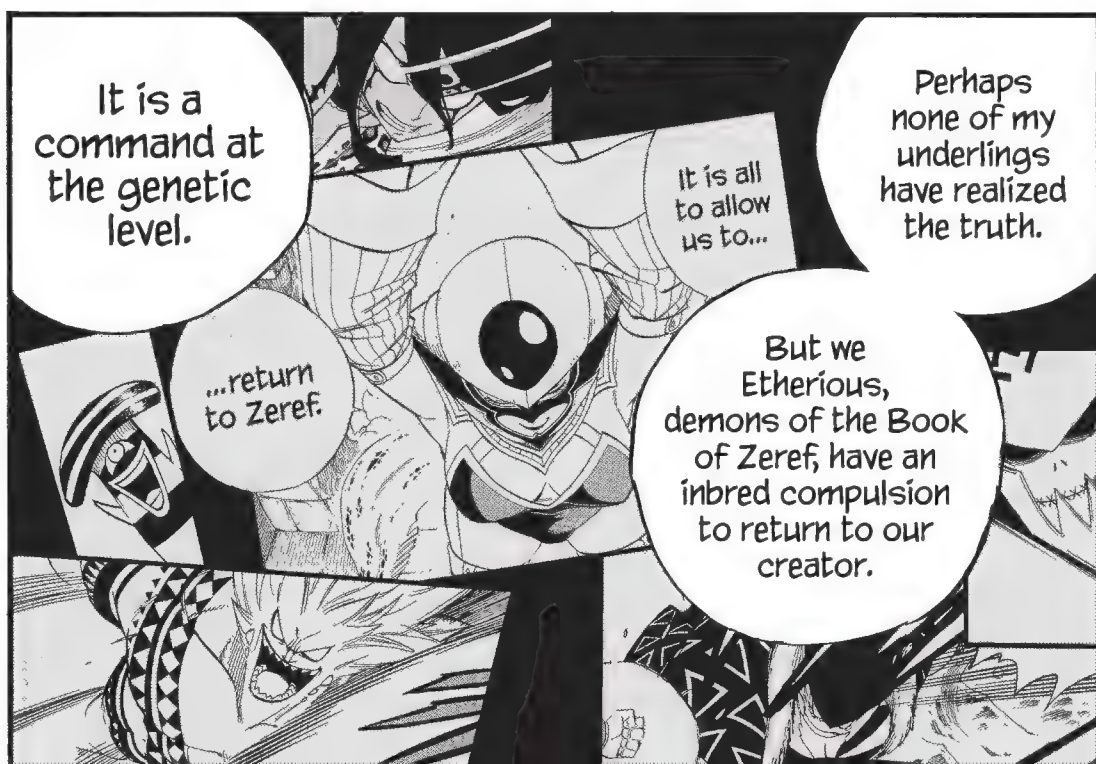
For pity's sake...
She is so caught
up in battle, she
has forgotten
even Mard
Geer's voice.





...to the question of why Zeref created us?

Have you ever given a moment of thought...



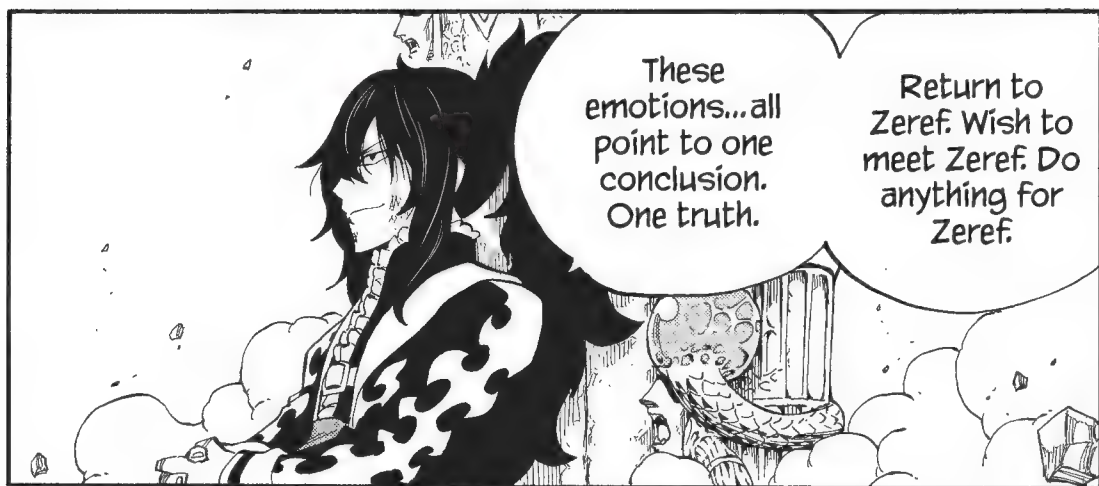
It is a command at the genetic level.

...return to Zeref.

It is all to allow us to...

Perhaps none of my underlings have realized the truth.

But we Etherious, demons of the Book of Zeref, have an inbred compulsion to return to our creator.



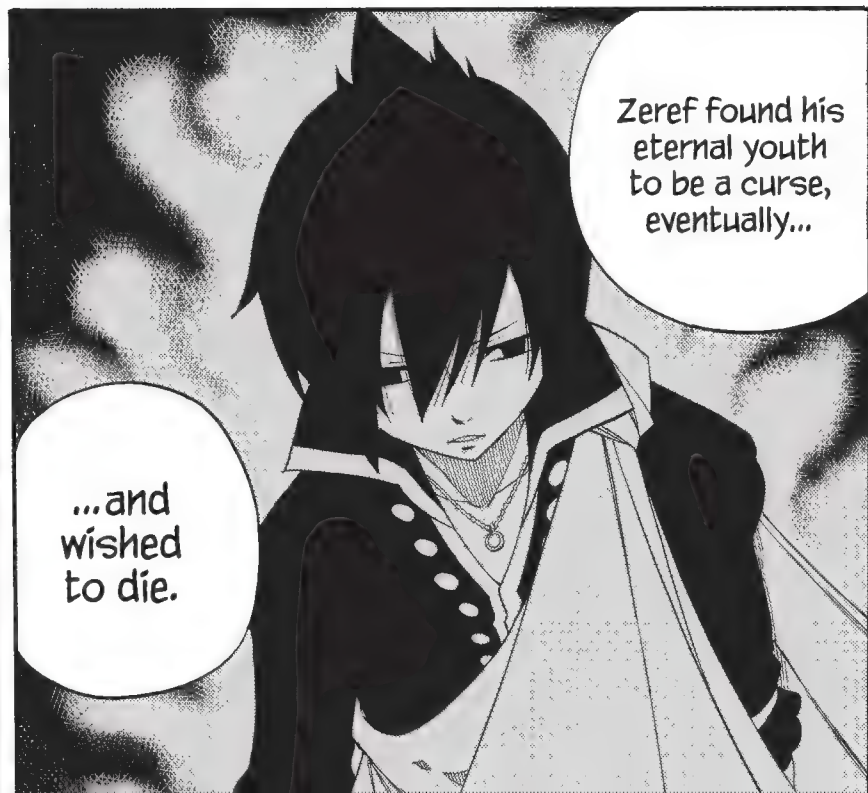
These emotions...all point to one conclusion. One truth.

Return to Zeref. Wish to meet Zeref. Do anything for Zeref.




In order to fulfill that wish...

...he created beings capable of killing him.



Zeref found his eternal youth to be a curse, eventually...

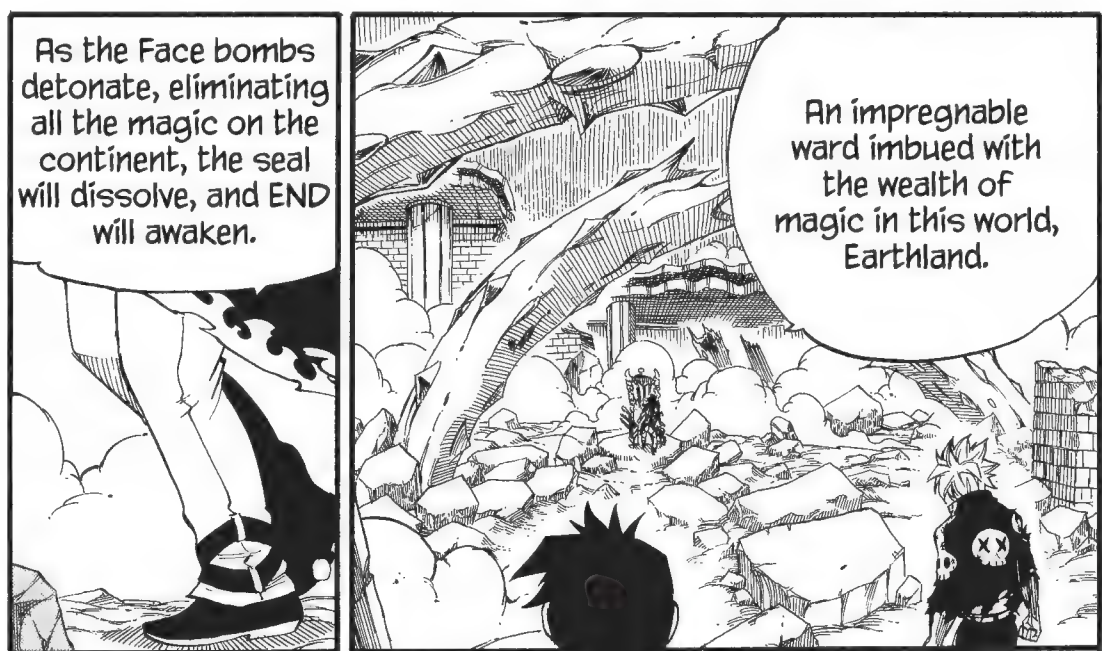
...and wished to die.



**The demons
of the Book of
Zeref...**

**... were
created to
be...**

**... instruments
of Zeref's
suicide!**





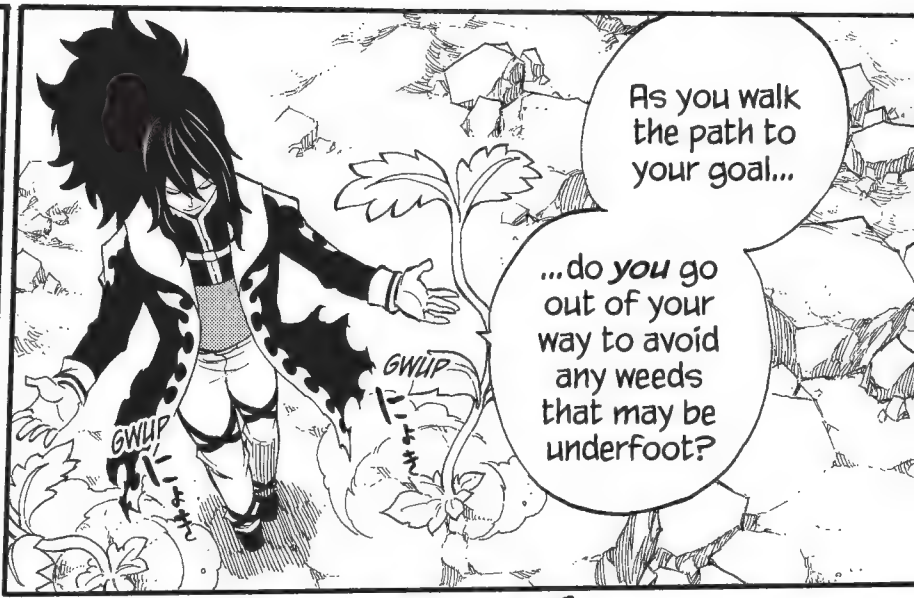
Why'd you
have to drag
us humans
into your weird
plans?



So this is
all to take
out Zeref?



You
creep...



As you walk
the path to
your goal...

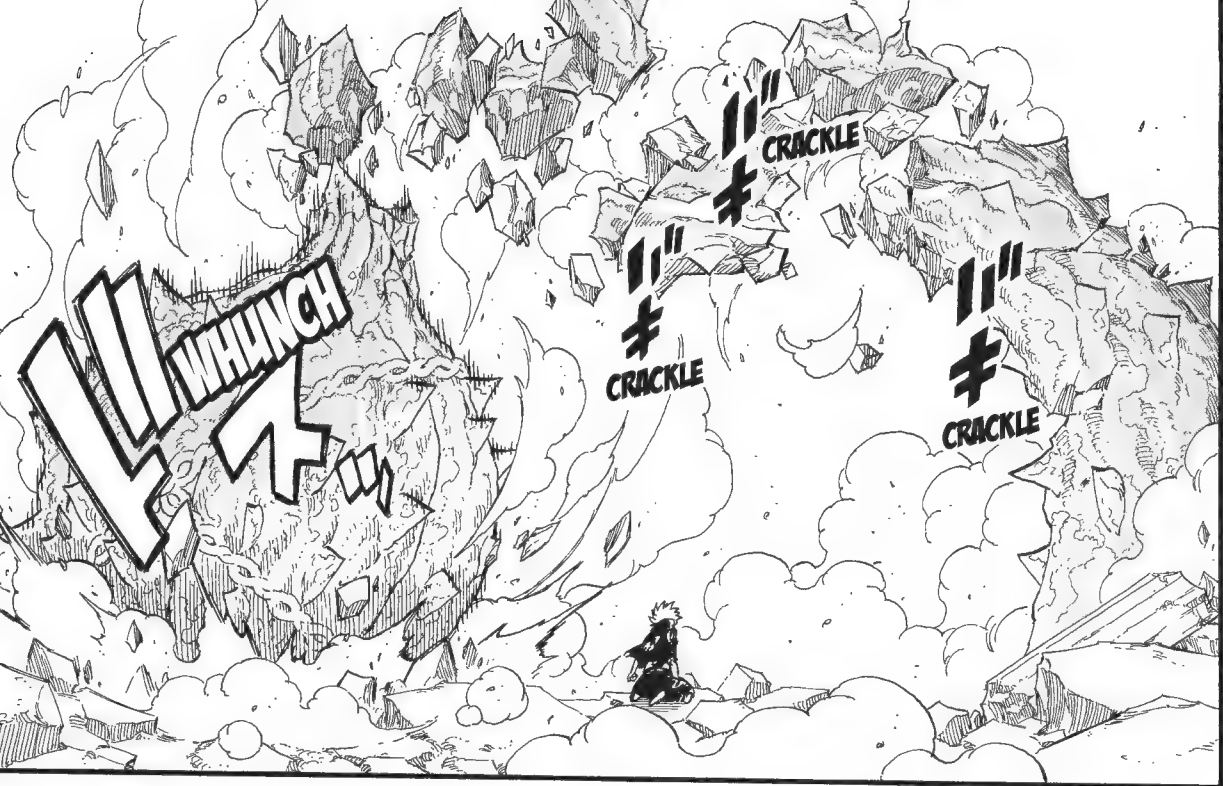
...do *you* go
out of your
way to avoid
any weeds
that may be
underfoot?

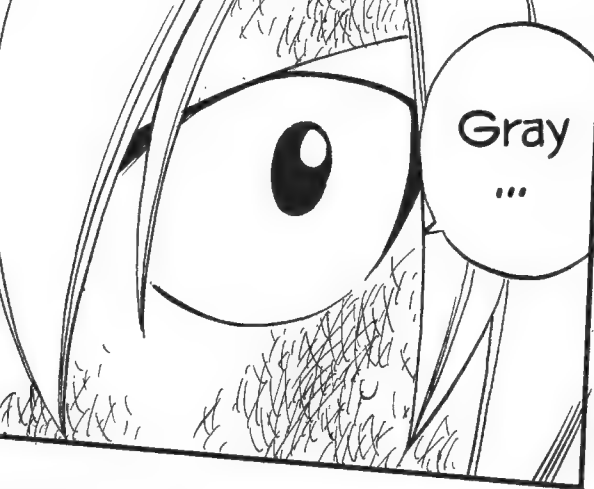


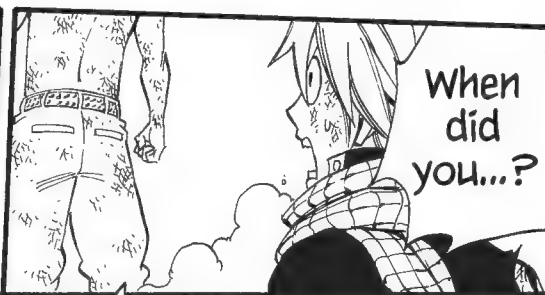


A cage-
flower,
from the
underworld.







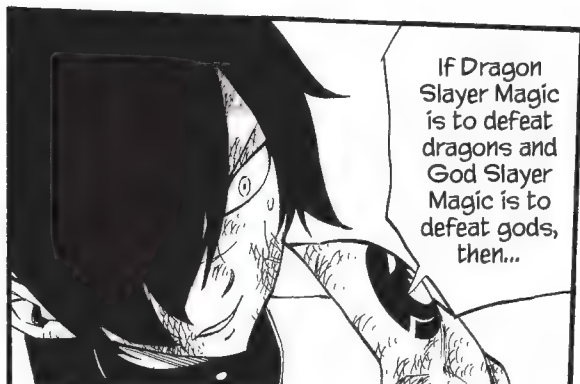


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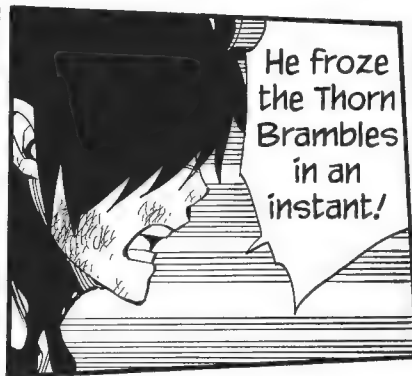
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Chapter 408: The Definitive Demon





It's the magic to take down demons!



He wanted to destroy all of you!!!!

GAH!!

BAKIIIIIN

He wanted
to destroy
all of
you!!!!

GAH
!!

BAKIIIIIN

He wanted
to destroy
all of
you!!!!

GAH
!!

BAKIIIIIN

AGHH !!

GUH !!

HAK !!

AGHH !!

GUH !!

HAK !!

AGHH !!

GUH !!

HAK !!







RUMMM

Ziemma!

MBLLE





This guy was the
master from
Saber?!



Uh...



Master
...



I came
to *them*
looking
for more
power!!

Made me?
No.



They made
him into
a demon,
just like
Minerva?



...my new
servant.

You are a demon
whose powers
far surpass the
Nine Demon
Gates...

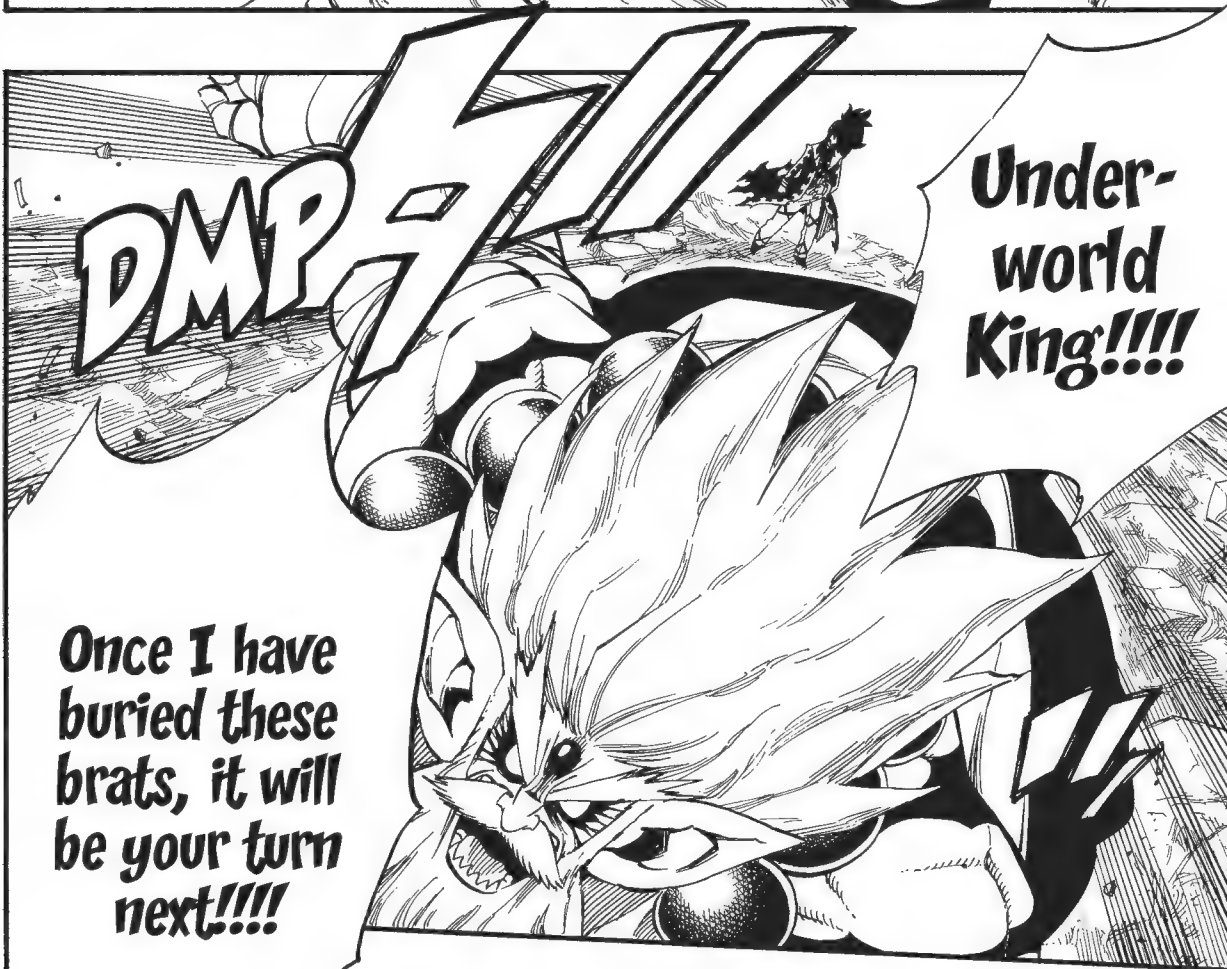


All I do
has one
purpose...
to become
the
strongest!!



Servant?

You say one
whose power
resounds
far and wide
is anyone's
servant?!



Under-
world
King!!!!

Once I have
buried these
brats, it will
be your turn
next!!!!





**Don't
get
scared
!!!!**



Uhh
...



Urk...



**There ain't
no reason to
be scared of
this jerk!!!**



**Charge
!!!!**











Natsu...

Yeah...
I know.

**I am the
Underworld
King, and
the definitive
demon!!**

**My name is
Mard Geer
Tartaros!!!**

DOOOOOM





**In the name
of Fairy Tail,
we are going
to take you
down!!!**



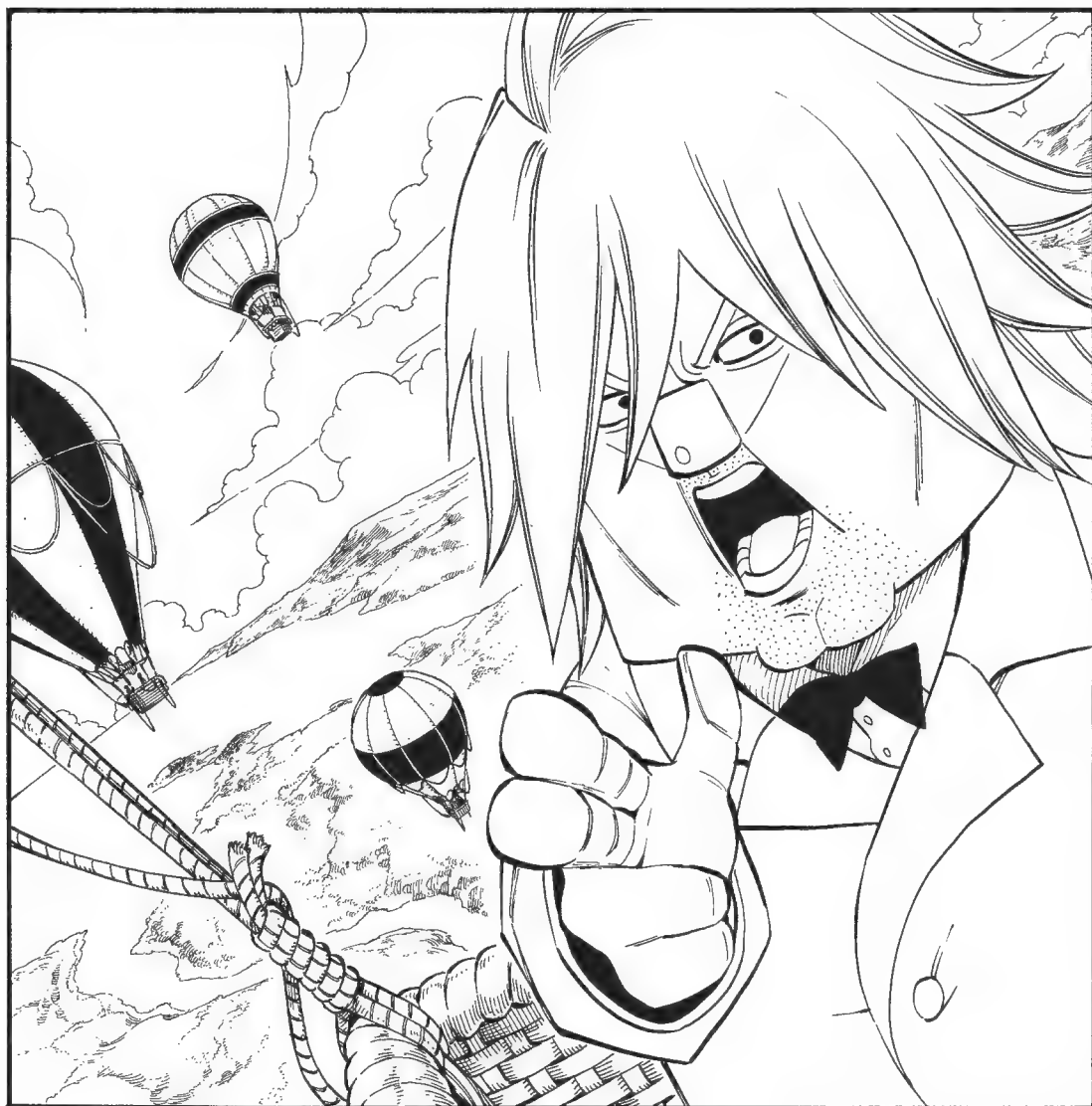
**This will be
your final
battle!!**

**Do your
worst,
humans!**

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Chapter 409: Thread of White and Black





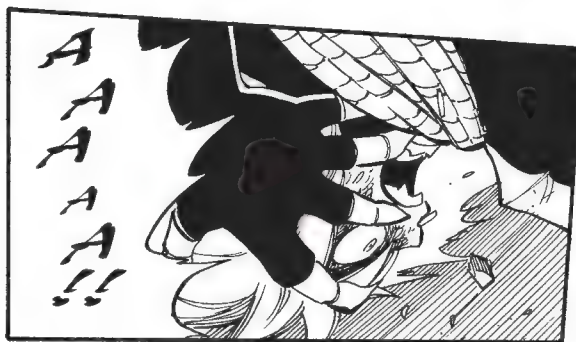








This is what becomes of impudent humans who are foolish enough to defy demons!!!



...damnable emotions of yours!!

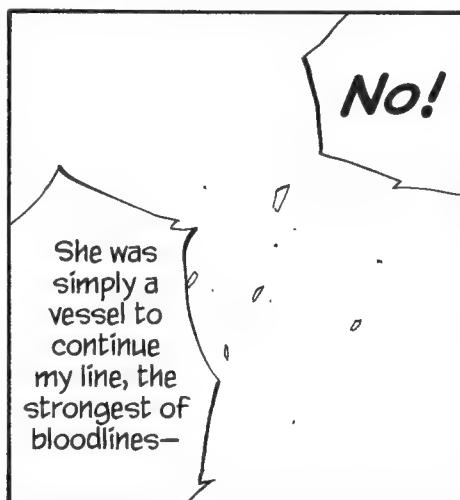
I'll shave off those...



The girl
has never
been of
much
use!!



Are you the
one who got
the princess
mixed up in
this?!



No!

She was
simply a
vessel to
continue
my line, the
strongest of
bloodlines—



She's
your
daughter
!!!

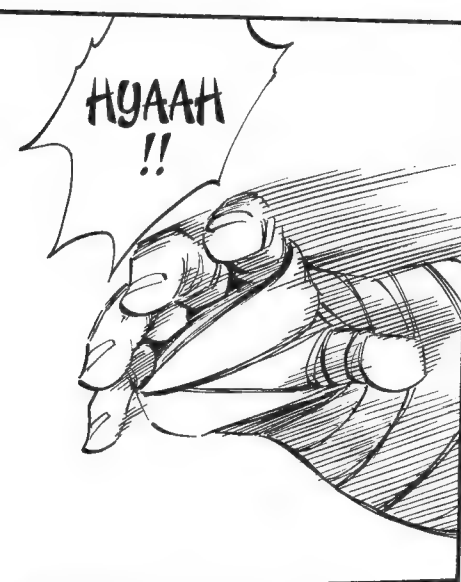
GOOOOM

*Shut
your
mouth
!!!!*



That
won't
work on
me.







All we did is
return it to
what a guild
ought to be...



Argh
...

You little wimps
think you can
take control of
Saber Tooth?!




**GUHH
!!**

**Don't
make me
laugh
!!!!**

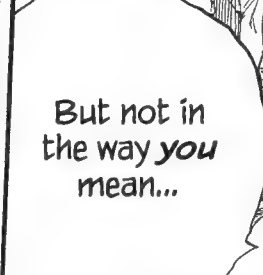
POOOM

**Your
weakness
has brought
it nothing
but ruin
!!!!**


**What Saber
Tooth needs
is to be the
strongest
!!!**



Saber Tooth was
weak 'cause nobody
had anybody's back!
We wanna be in a
guild where everyone
matters to each
other!!



But not in
the way *you*
mean...




Yeah...
We *were*
weak...


WOBBLE




So we
started
over from
scratch!!




A strong
guild in its
true sense!



...have
got to
go!!!



And
that's
why you...



Ah ha ha ha
ha ha!! A
truly strong
guild?!

Allow me to
enlighten
you...there
is no such
thing!!!

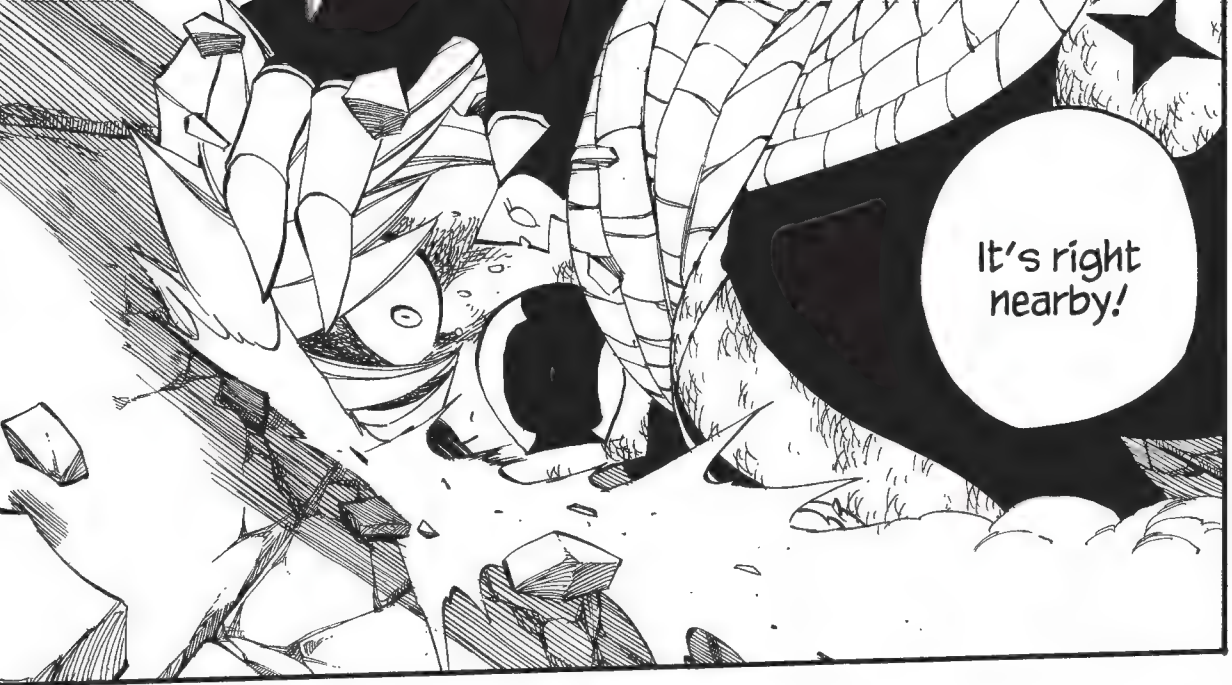
Strength only
comes to the
individual!!!!
And only with
an iron will
like mine!!!!



No...

There *is*
a guild
that's
truly
strong!!!

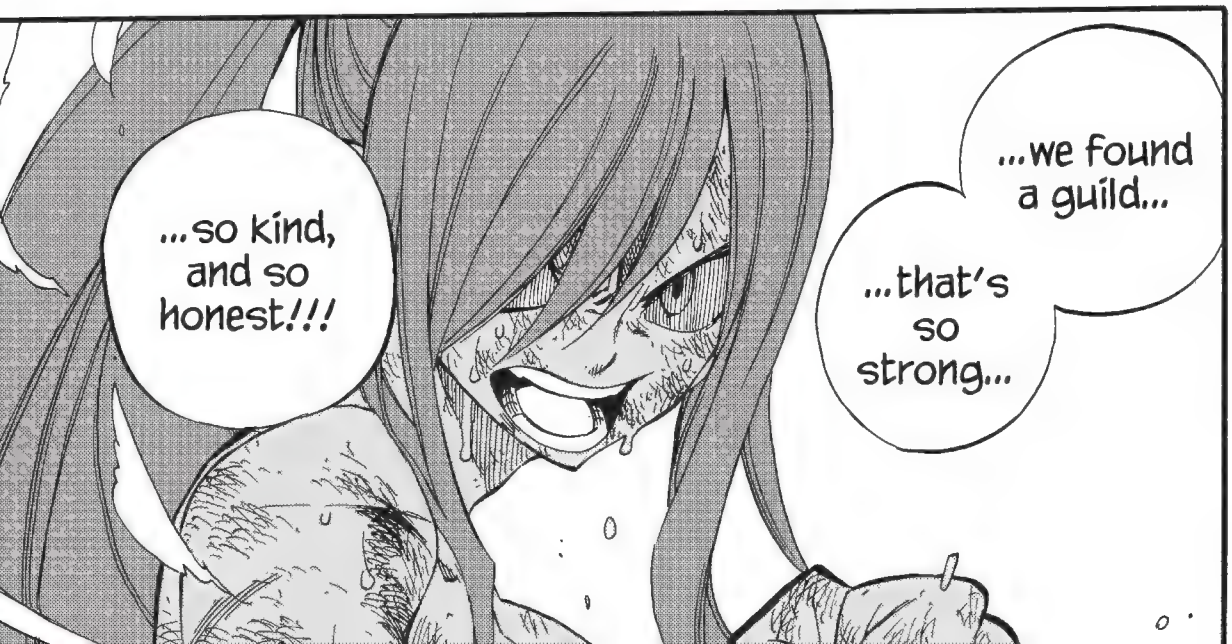




It's right
nearby!



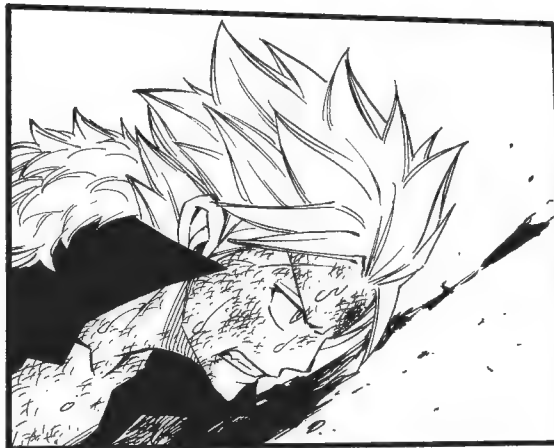
We're very
happy...



...so kind,
and so
honest!!!

...we found
a guild...


...that's
so
strong...






**Love brings
meaning to
our lives!!!!**

**I don't
care!!!
We're living
for the
sake of our
friends!!**



**...to be
strong!!!!**

**Fairy Tail
has shown
us the real
way...**



**We're going
to sew up that
warped wound
in your soul...**

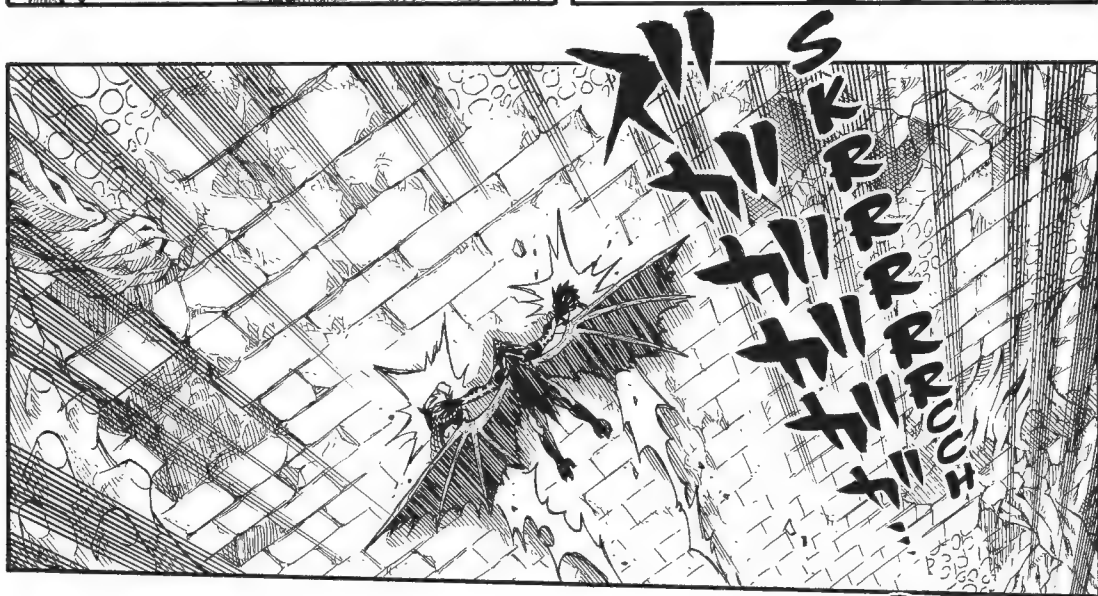
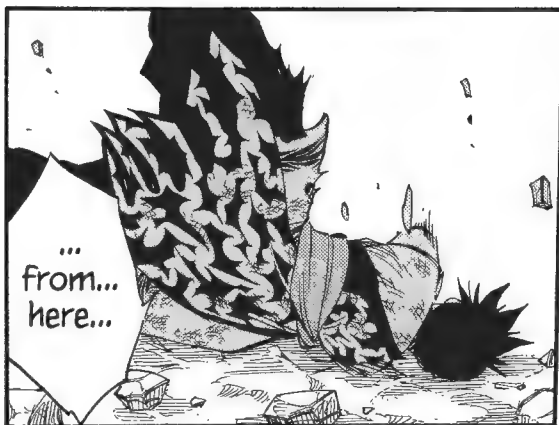
**...with
thread of
white and
black!!!!**



**Siiiiii-
leence
!!!!**







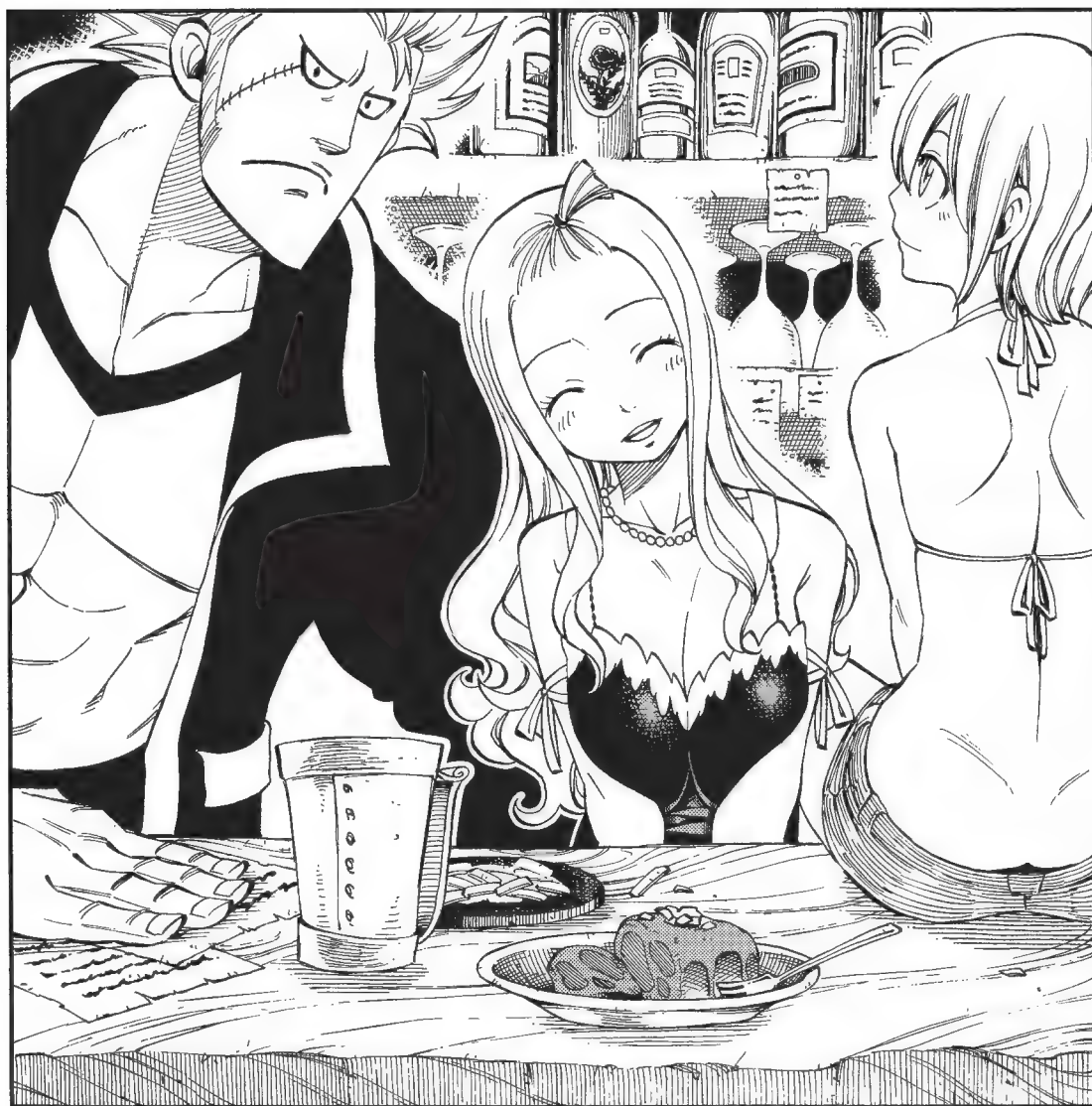
**Right
!!!!**



FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 410: Memento Mori





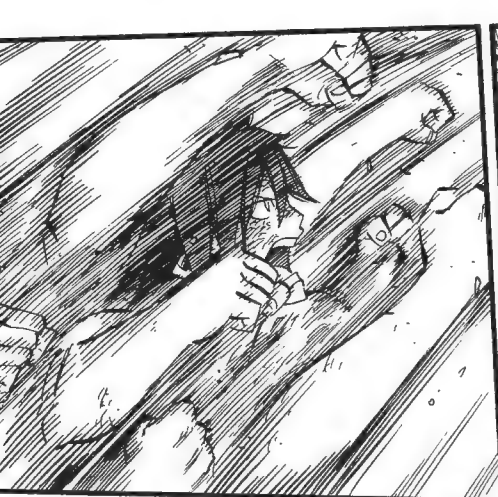




*Ice Demon's Wrath











Humph!

WHOOSH



BACHIK

!!



Brr!

Inside the
ice?!



GUNGNIR
!!!!

BACHIK

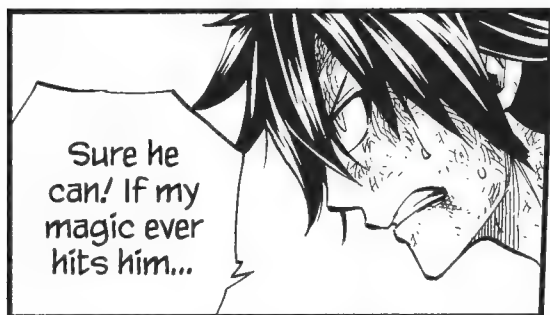
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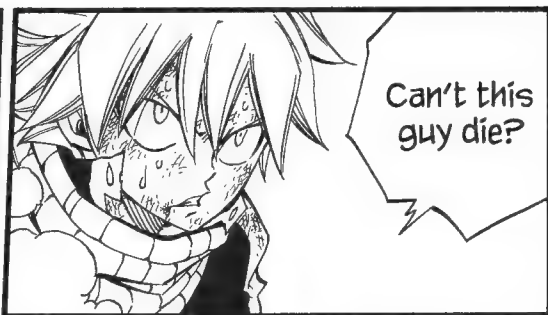
**KARYŪ
NO
KÔEN
!!!!**

BOOOM





Sure he
can! If my
magic ever
hits him...

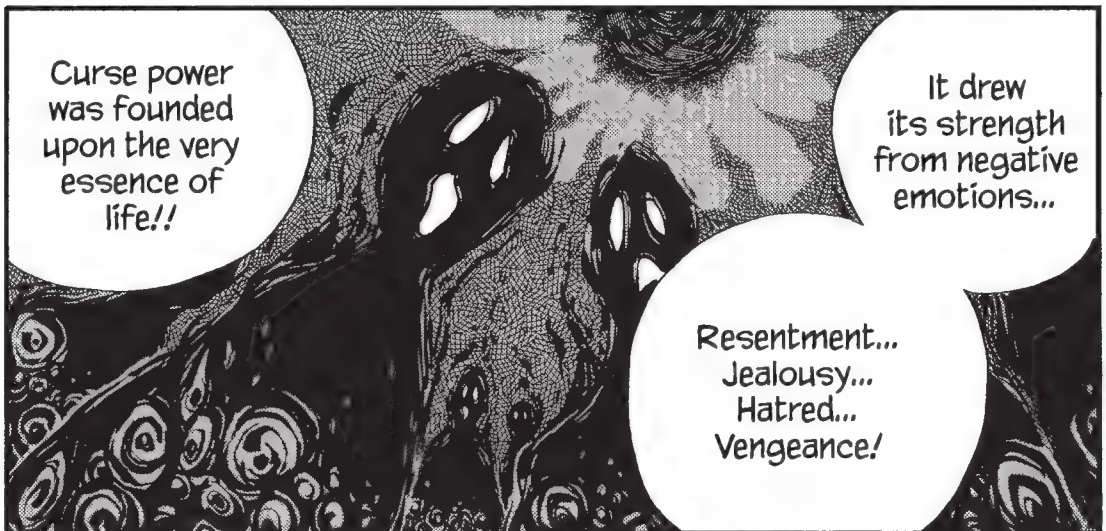


Can't this
guy die?



...human
wizards!

I have
enjoyed
this...





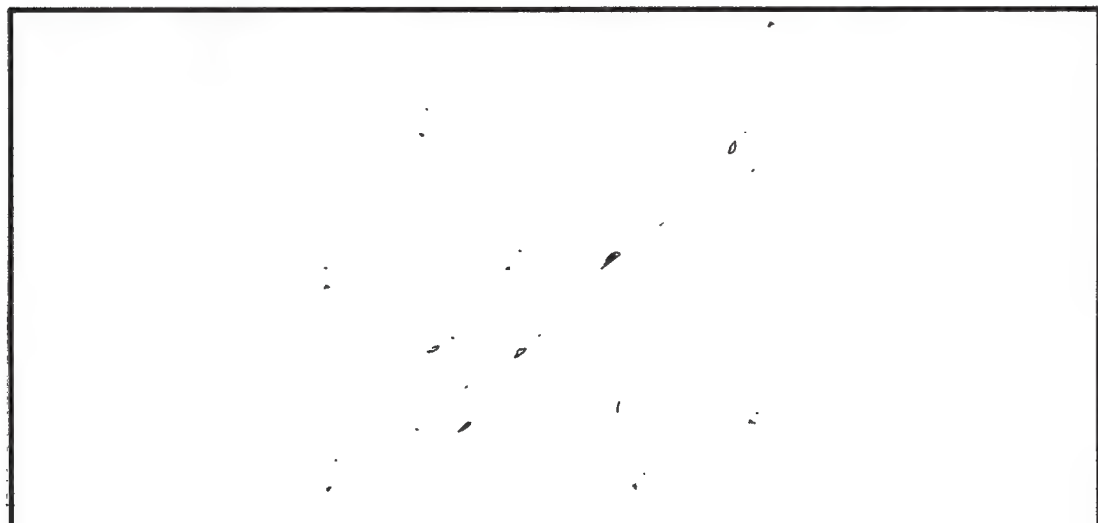
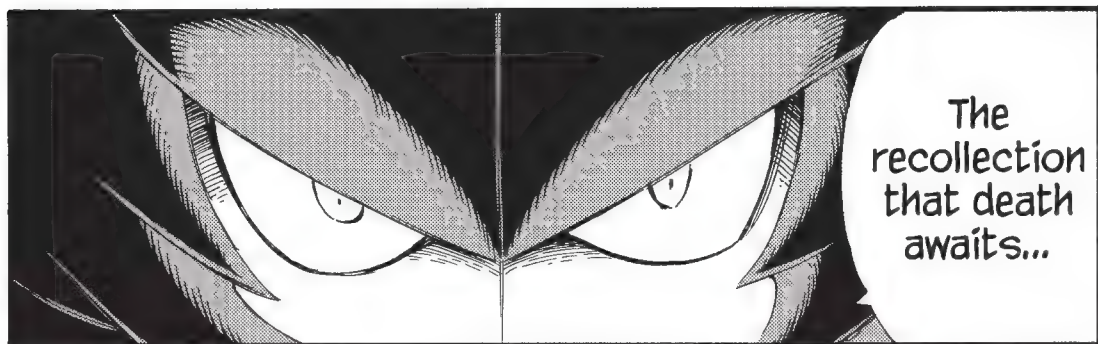
But even if
you're right,
it's *magic*
that'll take
us into the
future!!!

That's
just
stupid
!!!!



This is the
ultimate curse!
It was woven to
murder Zeref
himself!!!

Now,
descend into
purgatory
!!

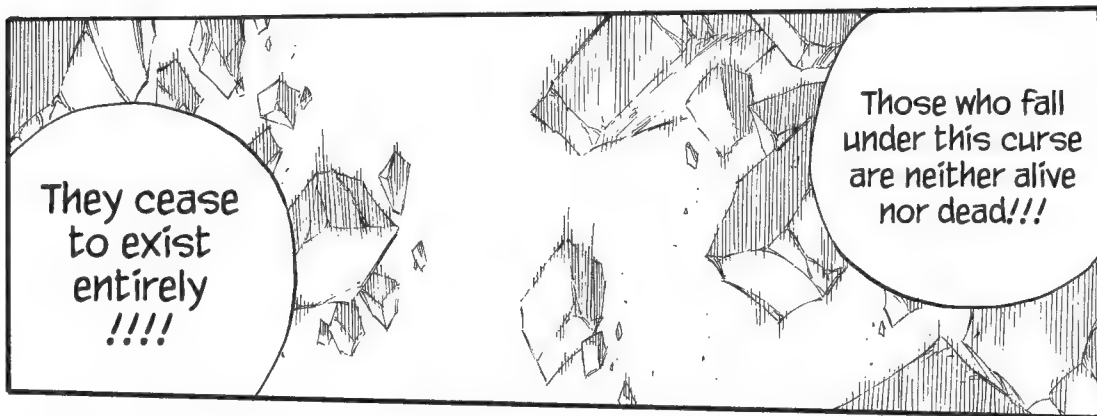
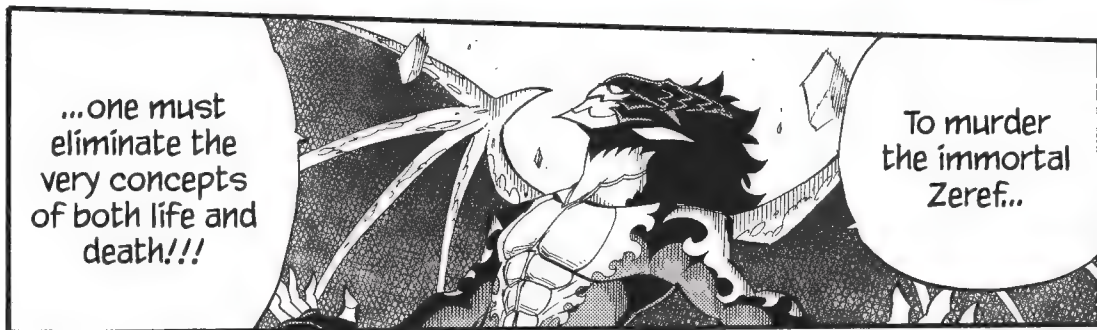
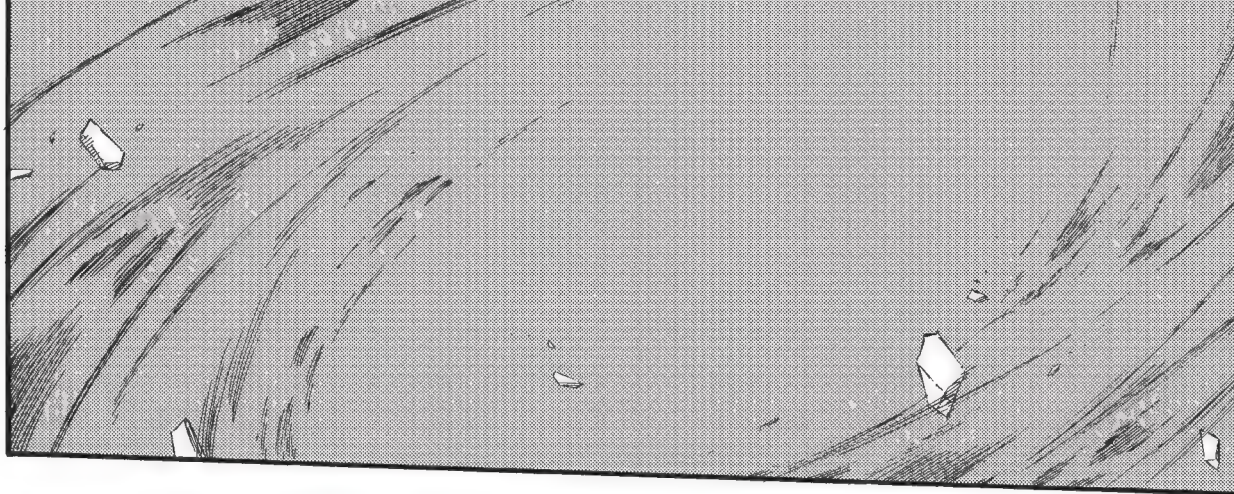




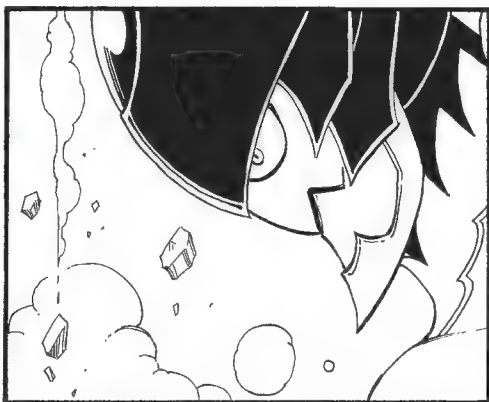
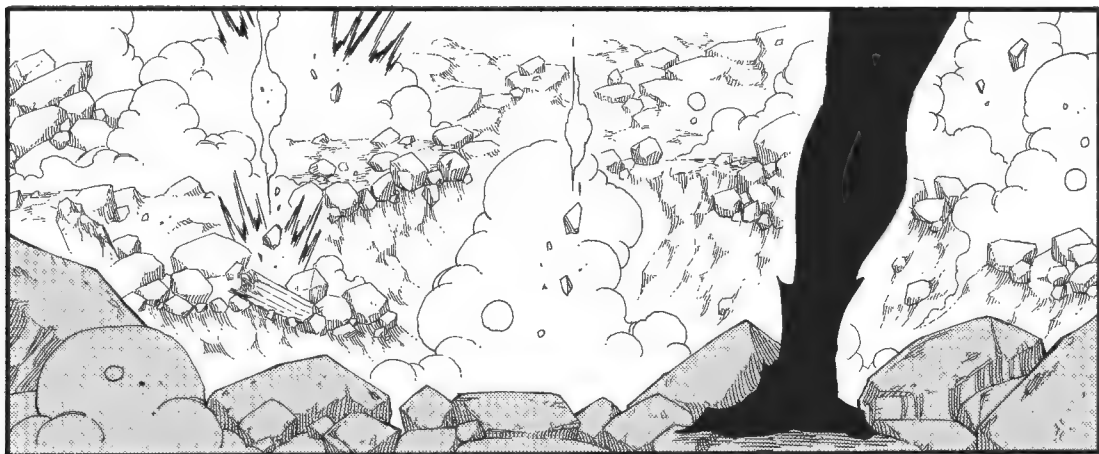
BOOM

OM

**MEMENTO
MORI
!!!!**







All that remains is to resurrect
END...

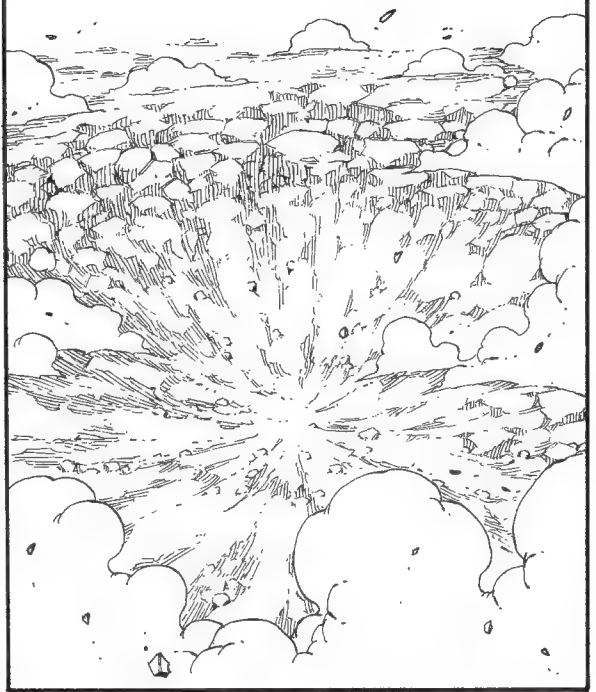
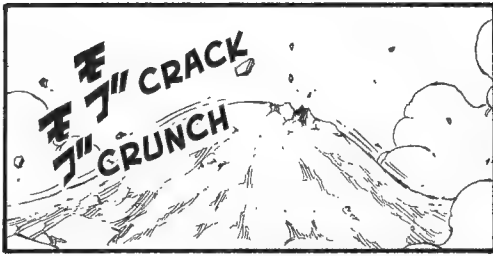
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

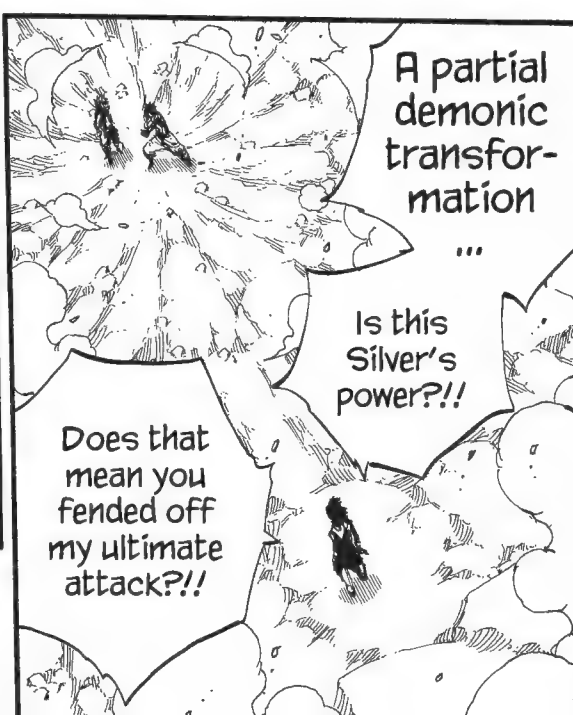
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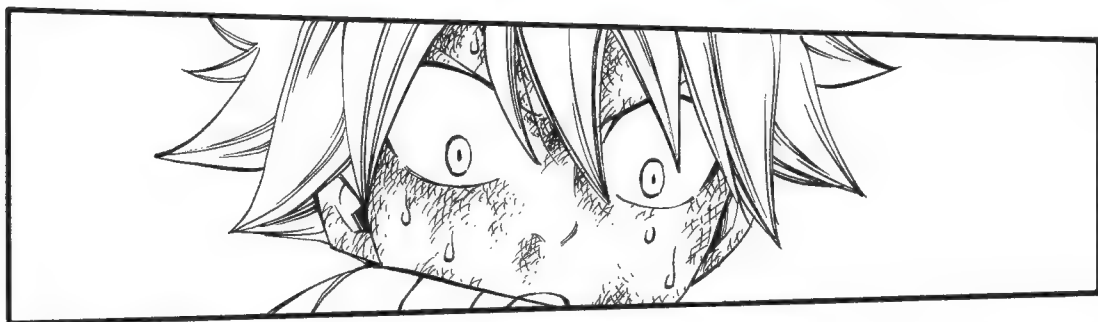


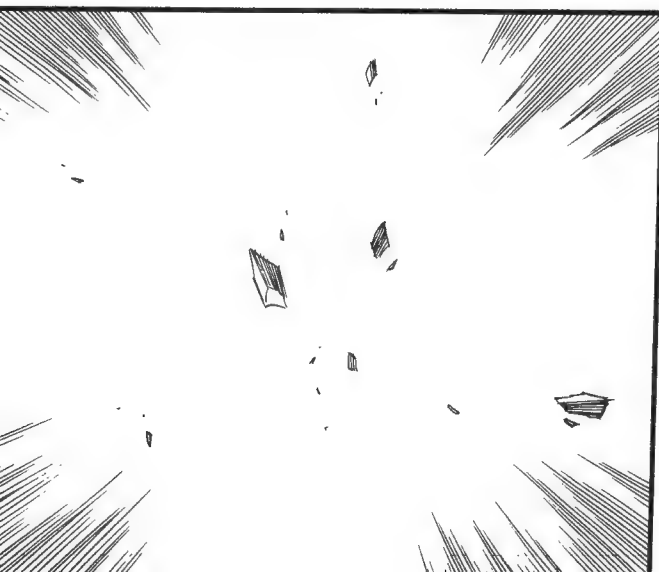
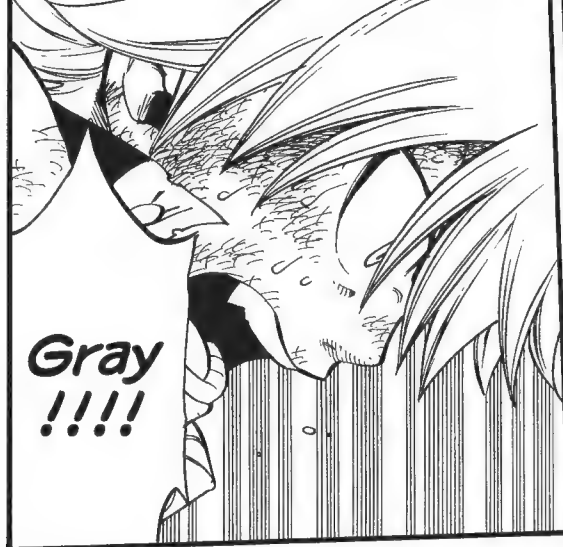


















DWLOOM



**This is
Dragon
Force
?!!!**



**I learned it
from Igneel
himself
!!!!**

**DRAGON
SLAYER
SECRET
ATTACK...**



**SHIRANUI-
GATA
!!!!**



GA

AA

AA

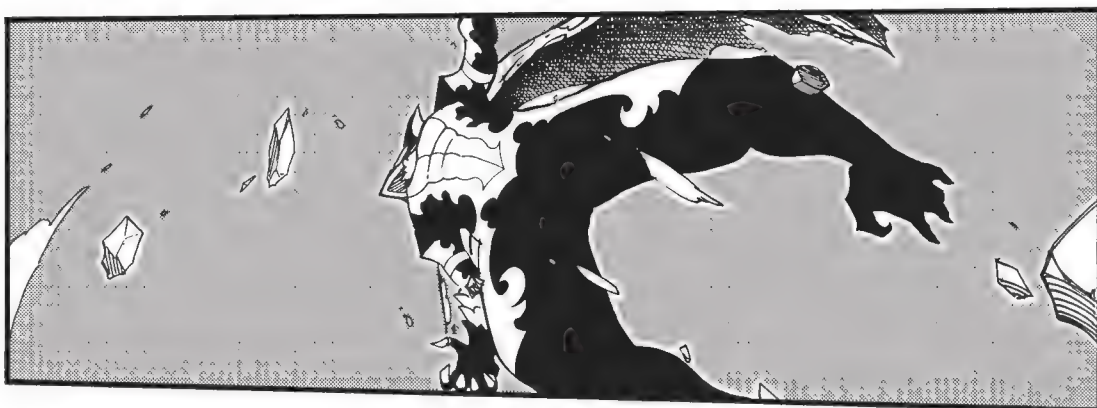
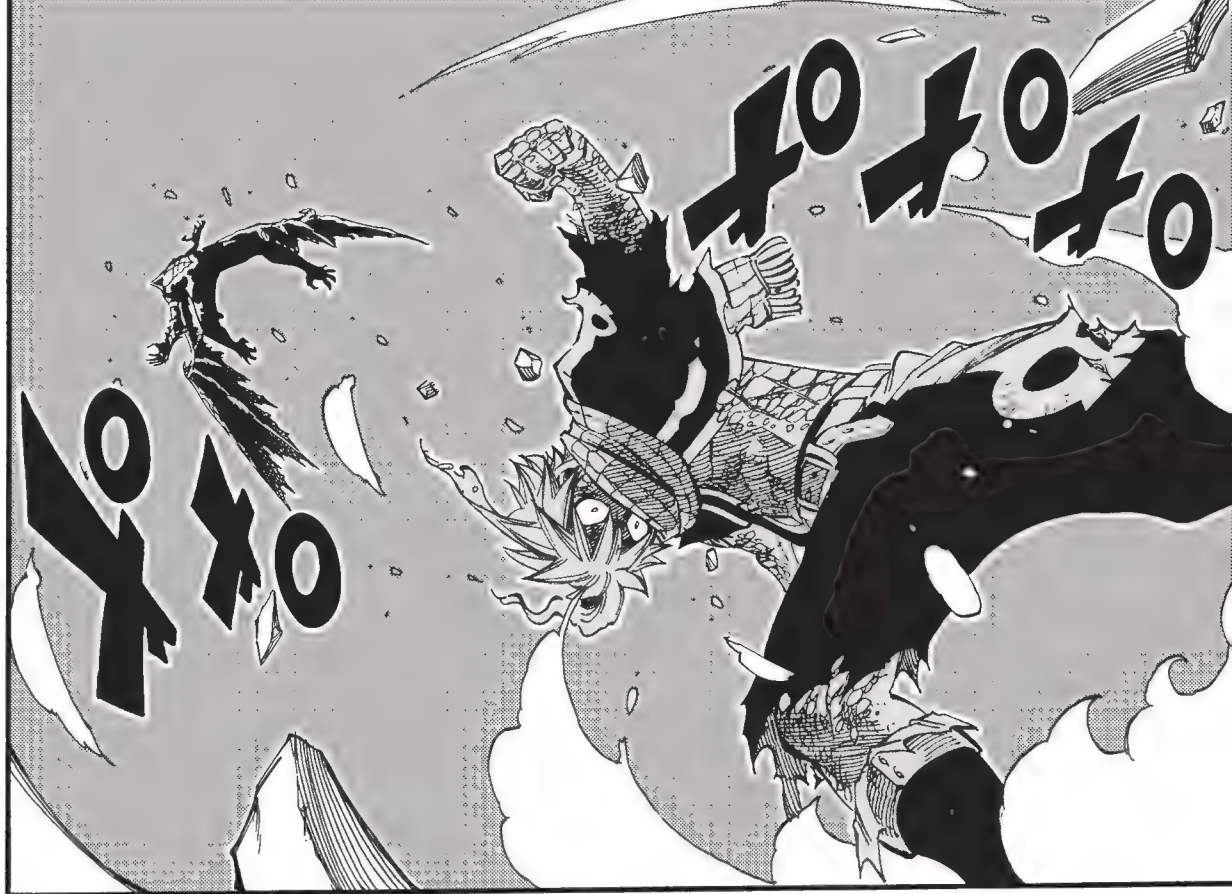
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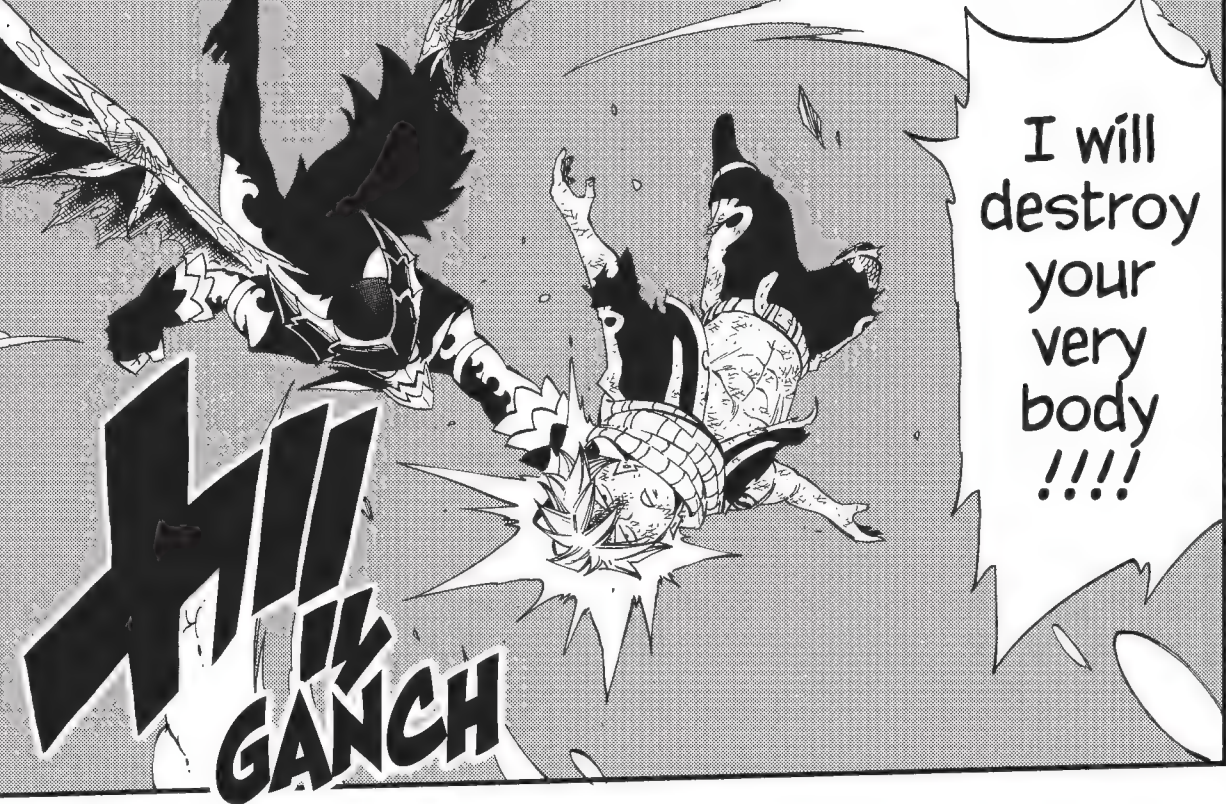
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AA!!

GUREN
Hôô
KEN*
!!!!

BWOGHON

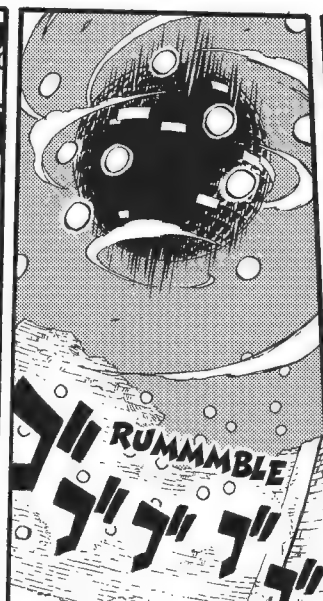
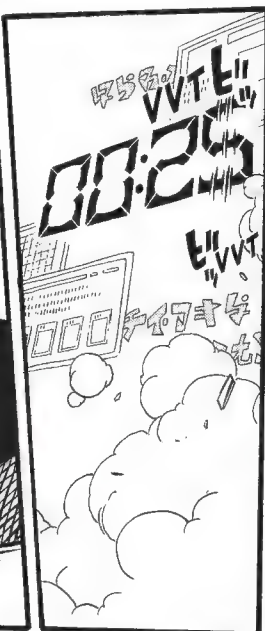
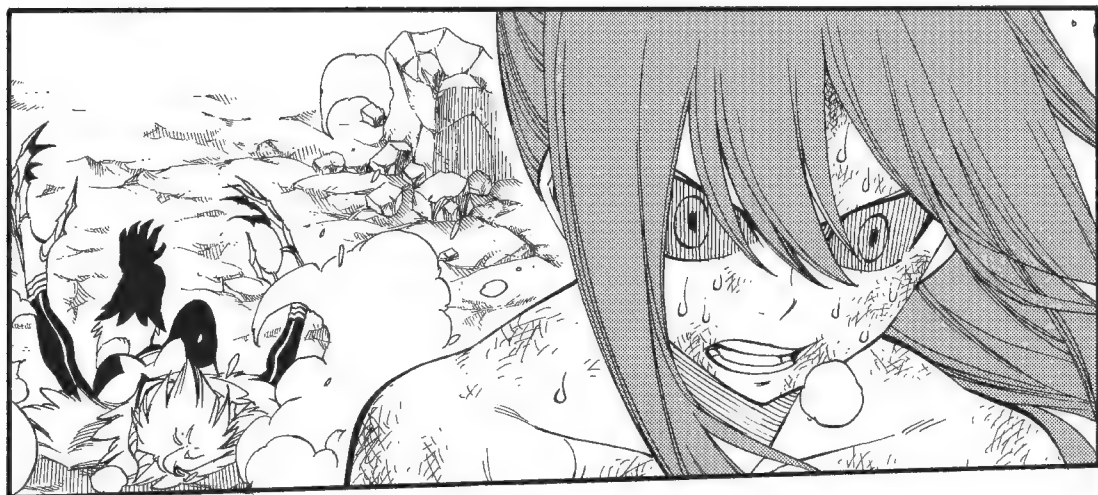


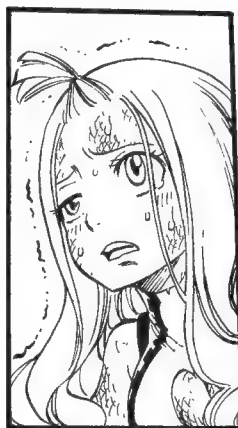
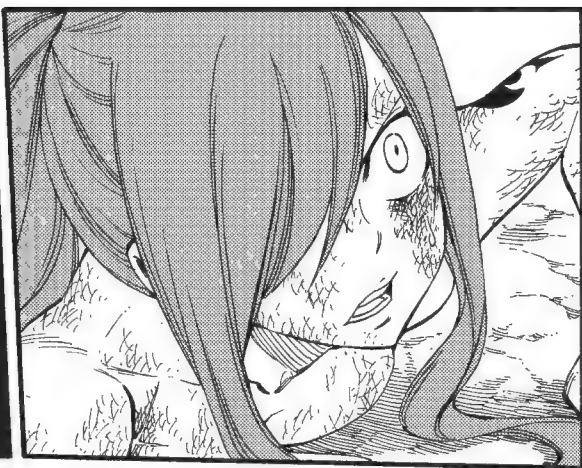


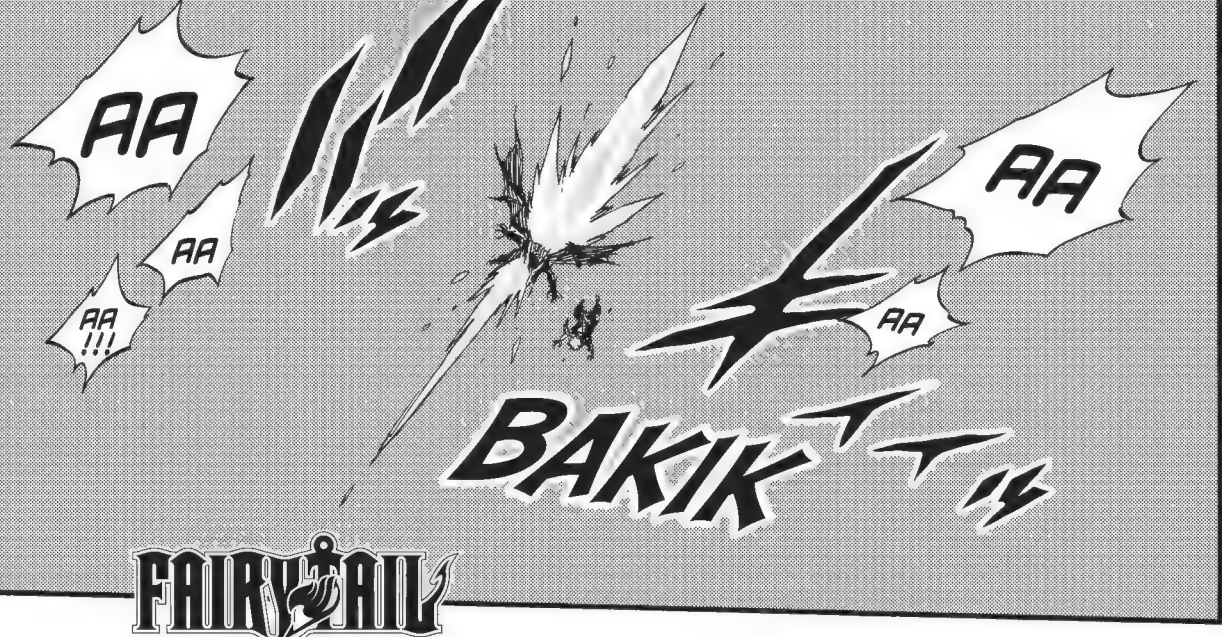
BOOM

**HYÔMA
ZERO NO
HAKYÔ*
!!!!**



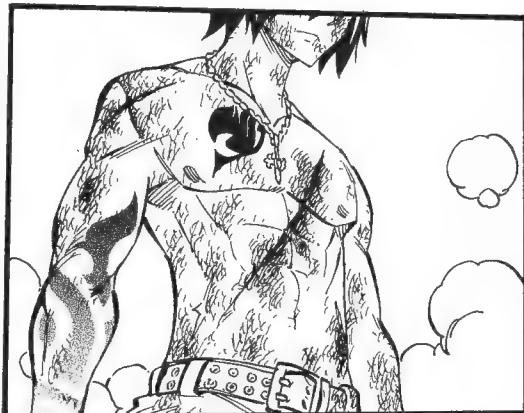
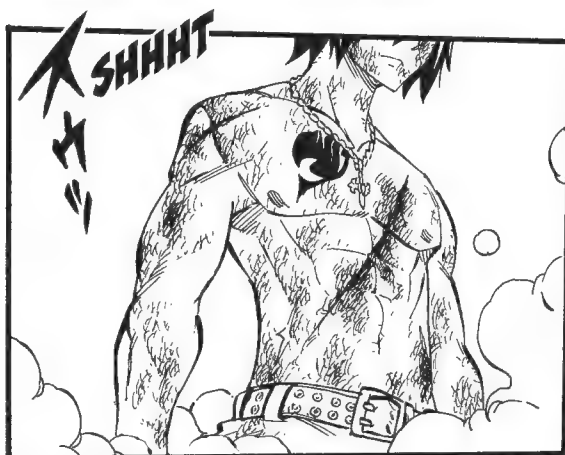
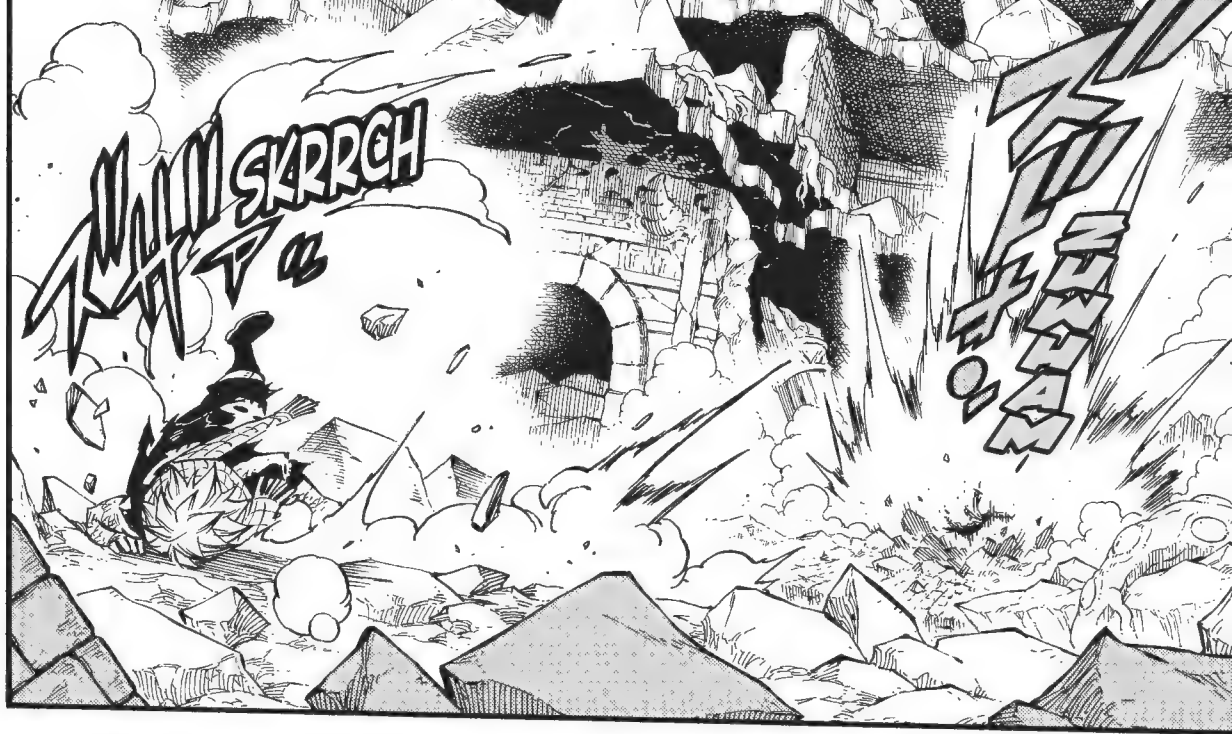






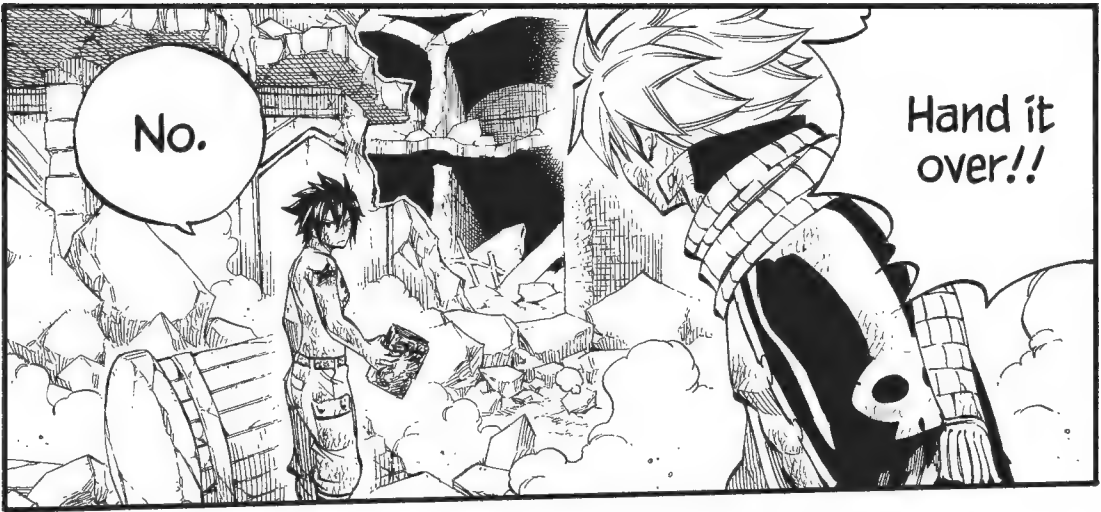
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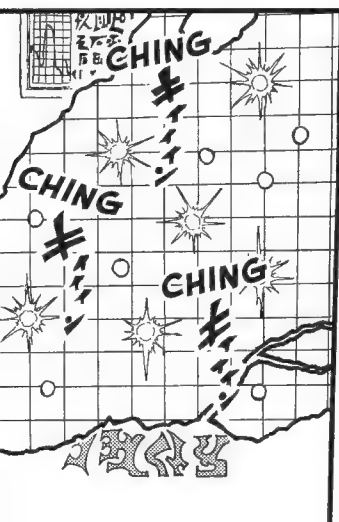


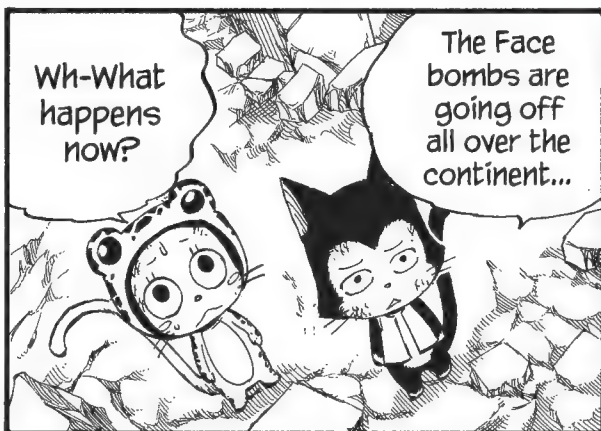
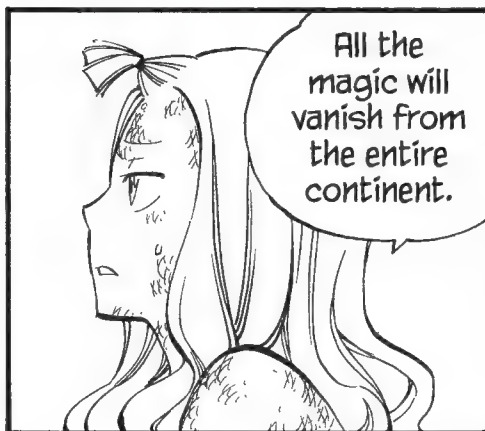


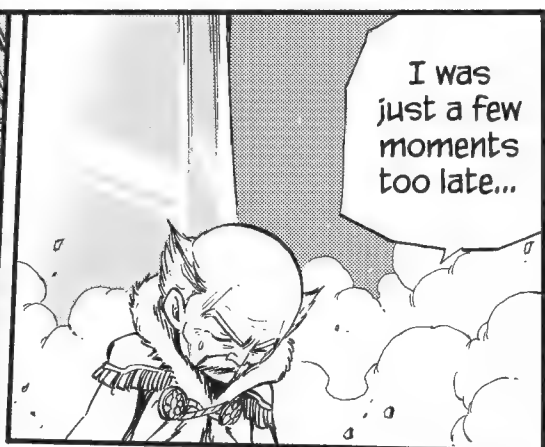
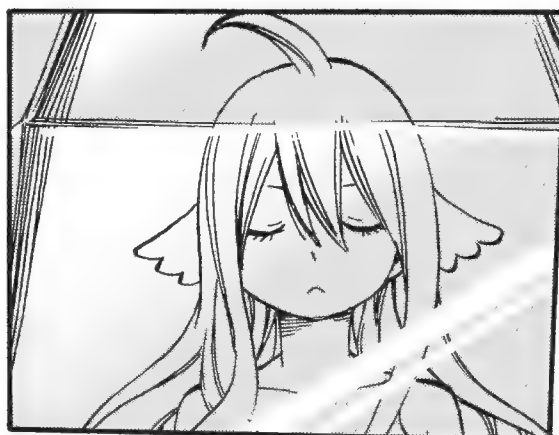
Chapter 412: Soaring in Ishgal

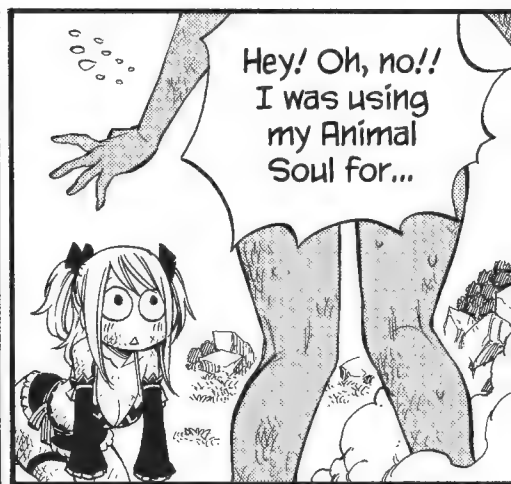
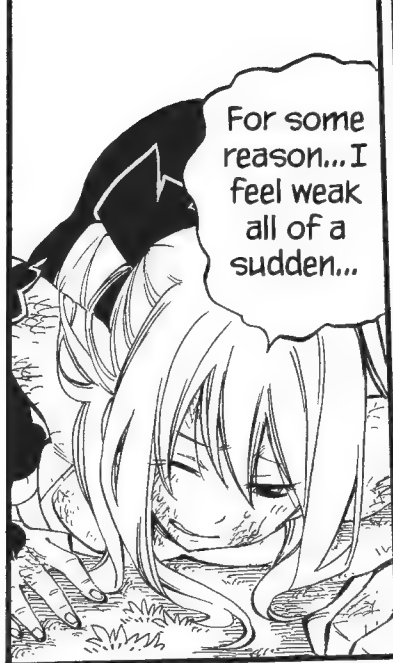












This feeling...



I can't use magic!!

My strength is fading...

Does that giant face thing have something to do with it?!



The magic train is off the rails!!

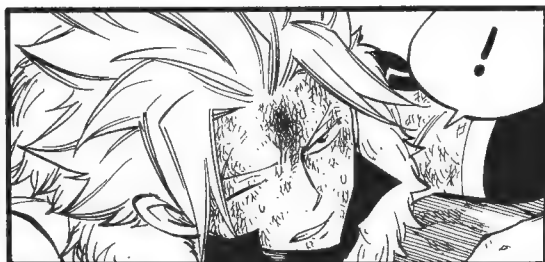
Let's get out of here!

EYAAAH!

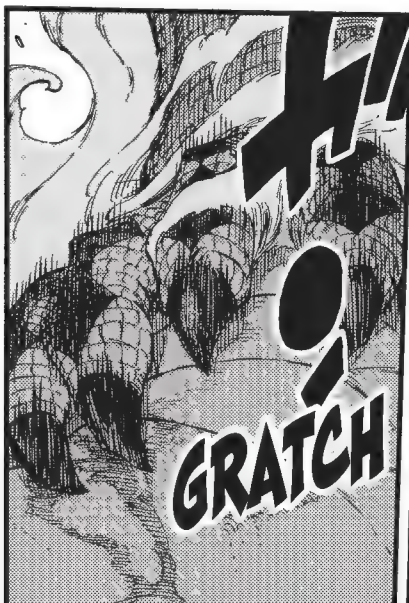


Why can't I use my lacrima anymore?!

The town's fire is out!!



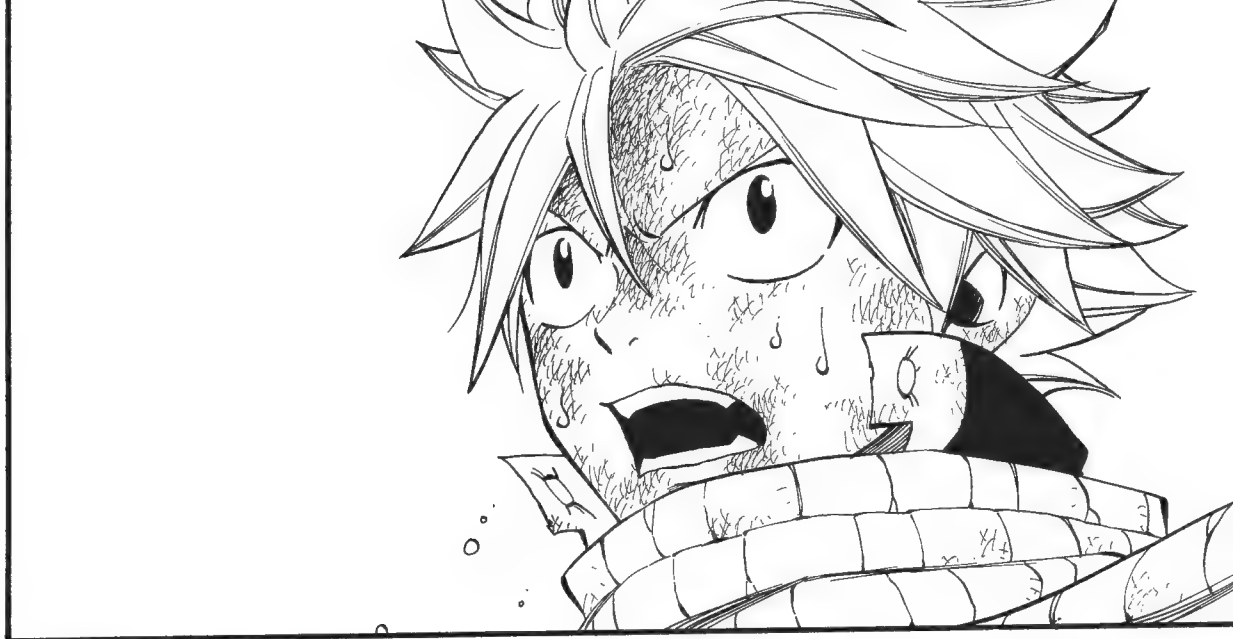




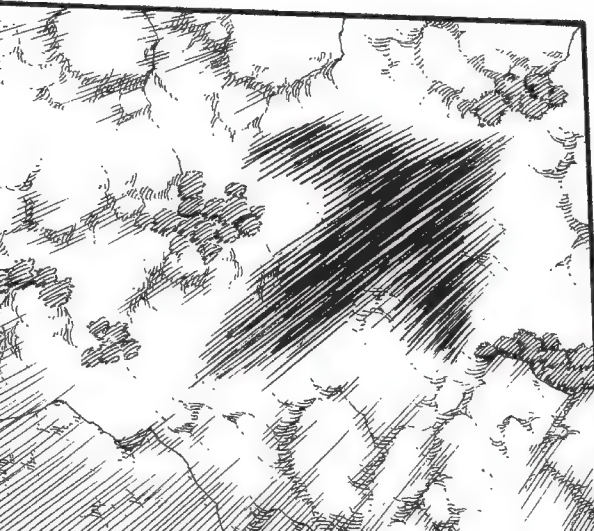
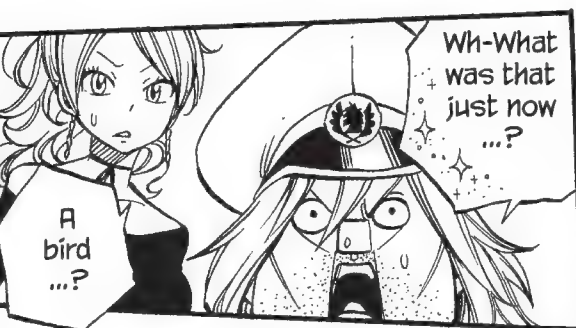


**Never
give
up!!!**

**Humans
!!!**



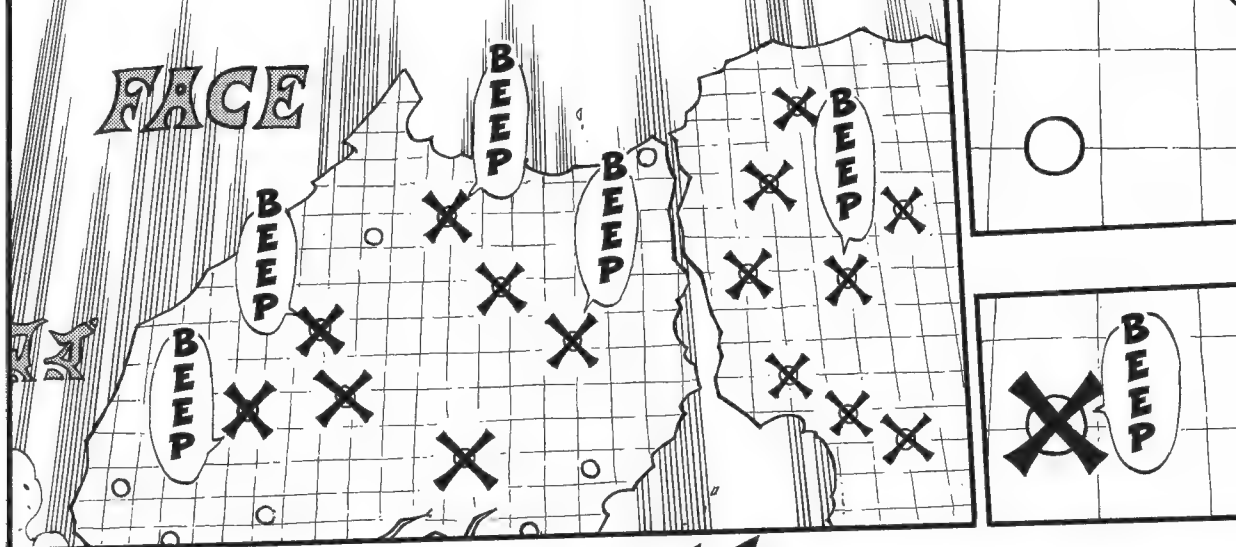


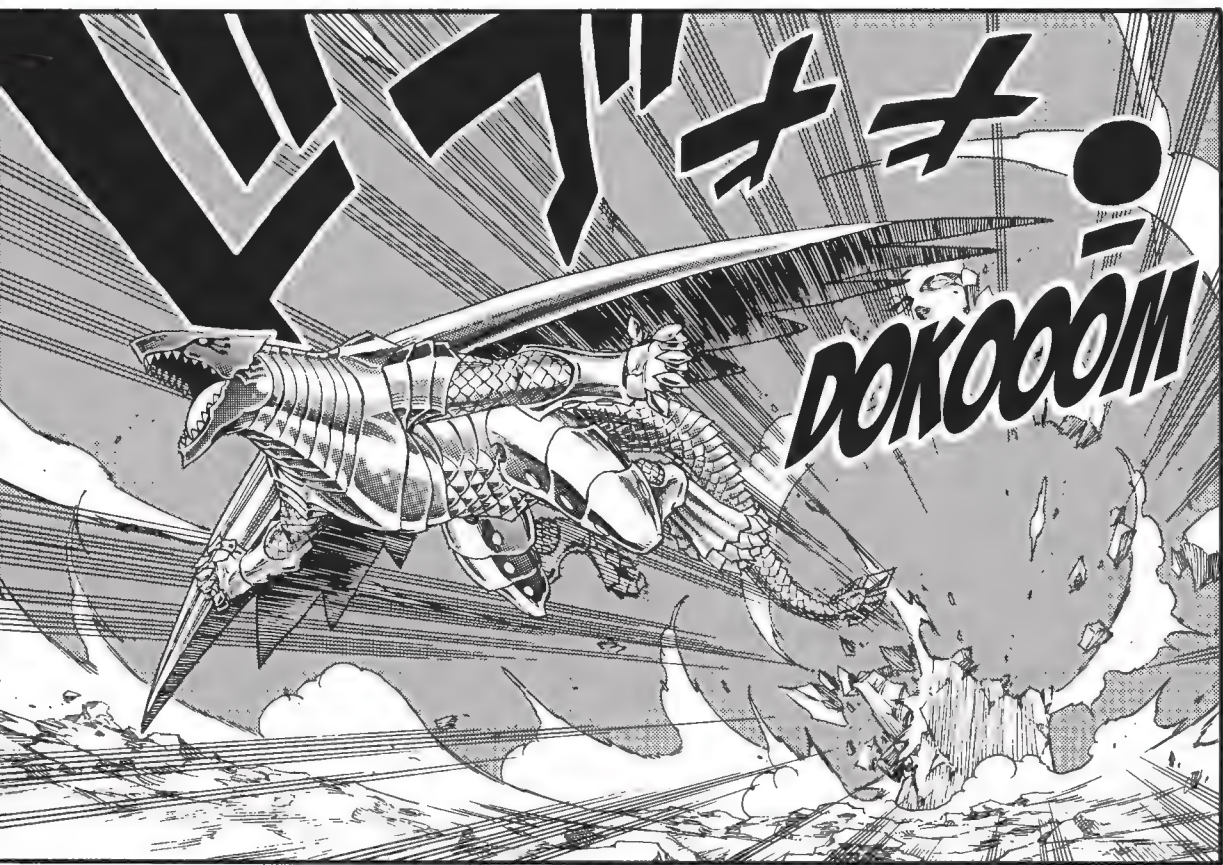
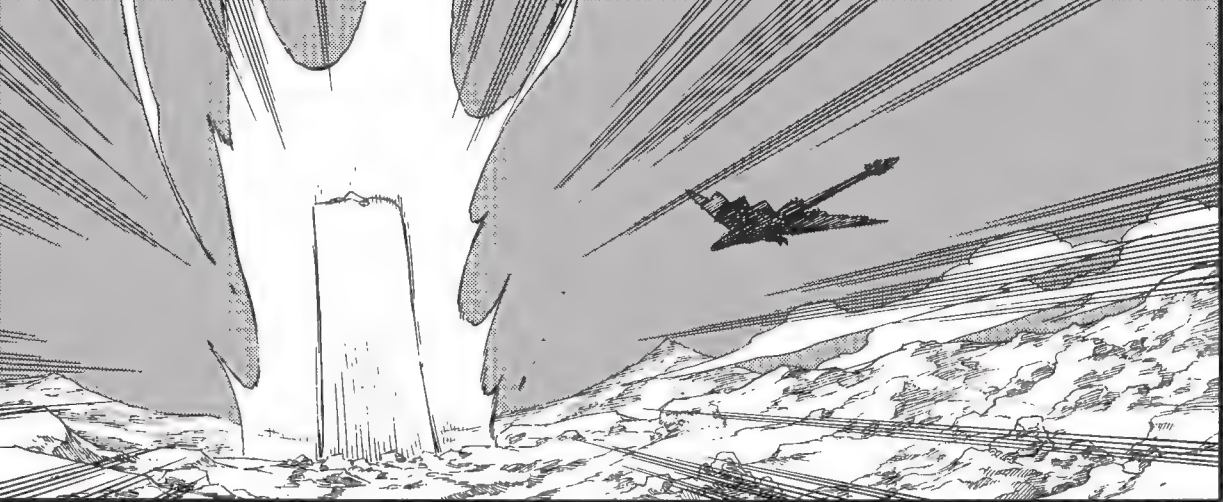




Grandeeneey
...?!



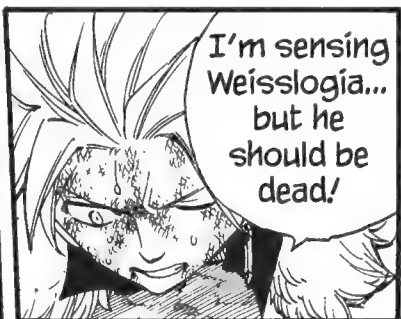




The dragons have been released!



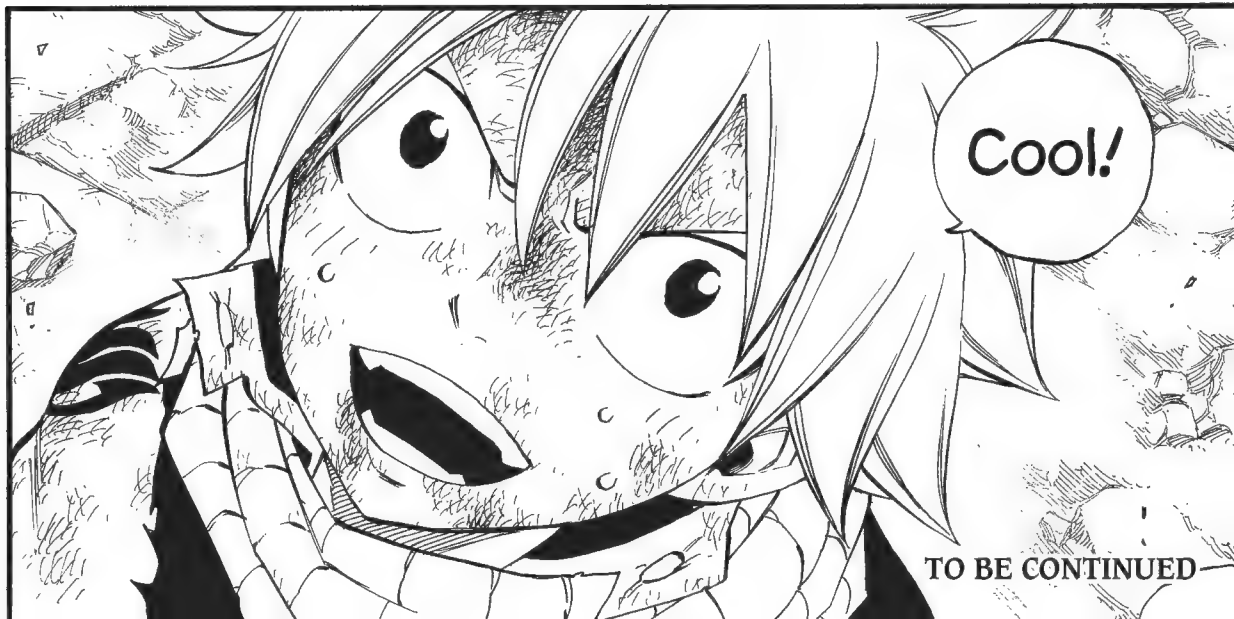
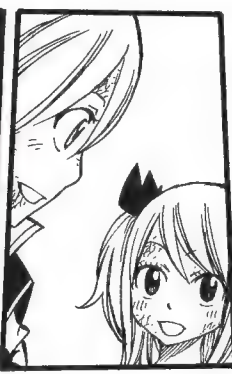
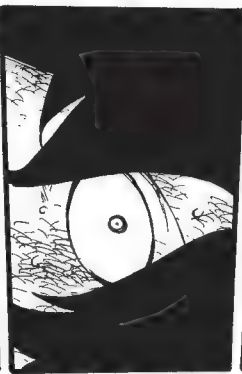
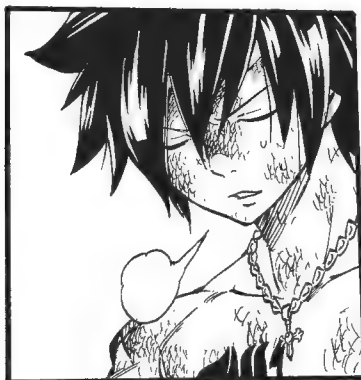
Is Skia-dram out there somewhere?



I'm sensing Weisslogia... but he should be dead!



They're
soaring
through the
skies of
Ishgal!!!!



TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

When a series has gone on this long, I think the readers start to get favorites and most hated characters, lots of them! Every series, I make a decision on which characters get the best parts advancing the plot, but as I'm drawing it, I am constantly asked if I could show more of this character, or give that character a more pivotal role.

Still, I'm happy with the sentiment, and I ask you to realize that if the central characters don't get the biggest part in this story, they'll get it in the next one.

On a different topic, There are a lot of characters in this manga, and I do make an effort to make sure that when I name a character, it won't be confused with any of the other characters. But I just messed up. In Volume 43, there was a character, Elder Yuri who was killed by Tartaros, but in the other continuing series I have right now, Fairy Tail Zero, there is Makarov's father Yuri...**CONFUSION!!!!** Nobody, not the editor, staff, nor myself ever noticed! It just happened.

＼(^O^)／。

In all of our daily lives, it isn't very unusual to have at least two people you know have the same name, but in a story, avoiding that is really one of the rules. Once I noticed that I'd done it, I considered for a second whether I could make that Yuri the same character as Elder Yuri, but **SINCE THEY LOOK NOTHING ALIKE**, I realized that it was impossible, and I quickly gave up on that idea. So in the end, they're different Yuris. They just happen to have had the same name. D-Dammit...!

FAIRY TAIL 48

フェアリーテイル

These were drawn originally for cards that were handed out at a fan event.



Thanks for coming today!!

Thanks!

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Hiro
NASHIMA.



Thank you so much for coming!

2.7.2015 →

Hiro
NASHIMA.

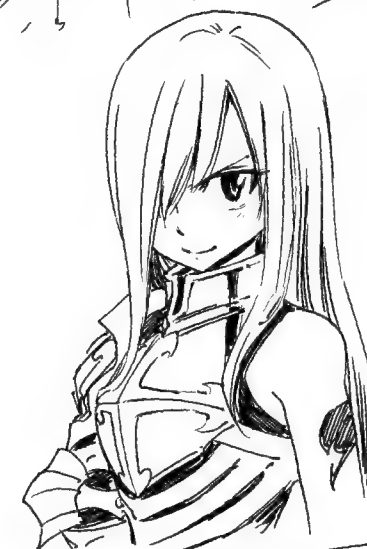
HIRO 真島ヒロ NASHIMA



Hey, you came, today! Thanks!

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Hiro
NASHIMA.



My appreciation for your timely arrival this day.

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Hiro
NASHIMA.



I'm so happy that you made it here today! Thank you very much!

2.7.2015 →

Hiro
NASHIMA.

FROM HIRO NASHIMA



For some reason, I want to stick Plue into a bottle. A long time ago, I wrote a manga with a character who wanted to stick Plue into a bottle, but the character was a mystery, and I didn't know why the character wanted Plue in the bottle. But I suddenly wanted to stick Plue into a bottle myself, so I wound up drawing this picture. It's a mystery.

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.



Page 132, Der Yggdrasil

Yggdrasil is the Tree of Life out of old Norse mythology. The tree connects many different worlds. And according to the myths, the three Norns, past, present, and future, would weave people's fates at the base of Yggdrasil. How does this relate to Mard Geer's attack? Well, Yggdrasil had roots that stretched down to water sources in other worlds. Perhaps that's where the attack name came from.

Page 122, Ashiginu

Ashiginu is generally considered to be a variety of silk thread that is coarse and thick, used for relatively less expensive silk garments. There are different varieties, such as *mino ashiginu*, which is fine, thin expensive silk thread. So although the word gives the impression of inexpensive, coarse silk, the actual definition of the word is hard to pin down.

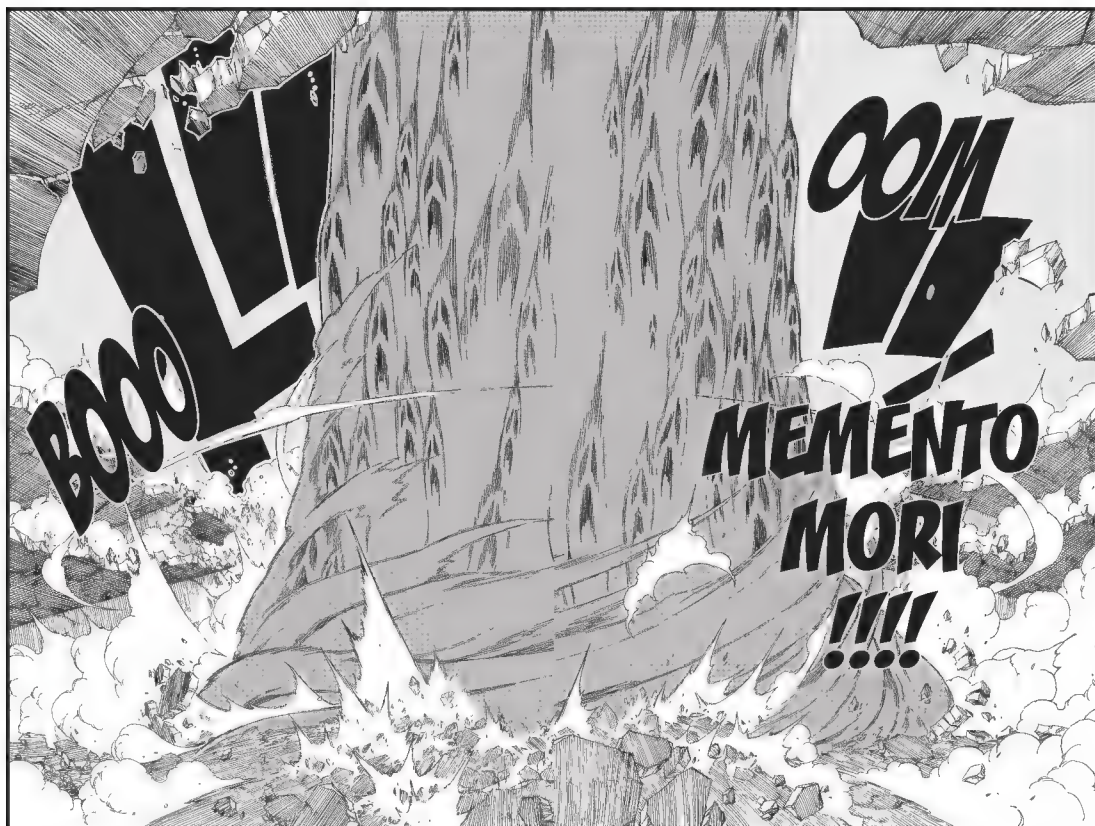


Page 135, Gungnir

Sticking with the Norse mythology theme (see Der Yggdrasil above), Gungnir is the name of Odin's spear. According to certain legends, it was made by dwarves and has the powers to always hit its mark and always return to Odin's hand. Reportedly, the Ring of the Nibelung saga has the wood of the spear being taken from Yggdrasil.

Page 142, Memento Mori

Memento mori, Latin for "remember death," is a phrase meant to inspire reflection upon the fact that you can't "take it with you." The concept has influenced art, literature and philosophy, especially in medieval Europe, but it also found reflections in other cultures, especially the Buddhist cultures of the Far East for which the transience of life is an important philosophical point.



Page 157,
Shiranui-gata

As mentioned in the notes for Volume 20, *Shiranui* means sea fire or bioluminescence, but *shiranui-gata* is a term for one of the displays that sumo wrestlers use when entering the ring.



Preview of *Fairy Tail*, volume 49

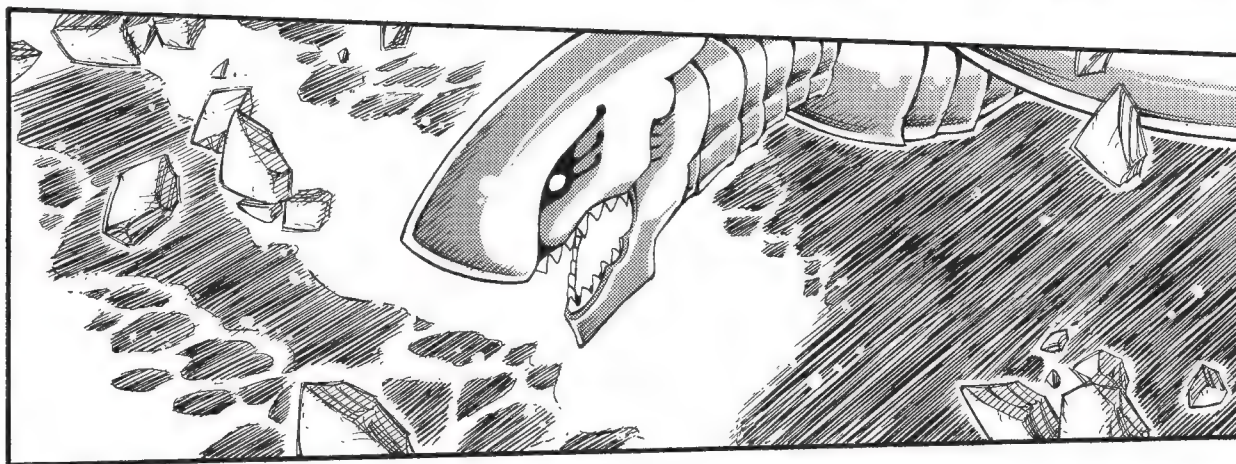
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volume 49, coming July 2015. See our website
(www.kodanshacomics.com) for more details!

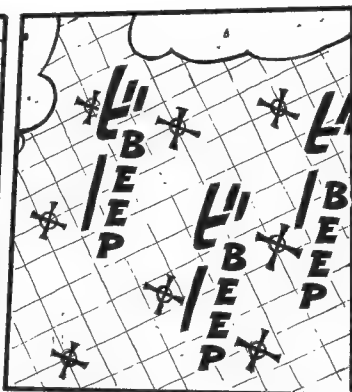
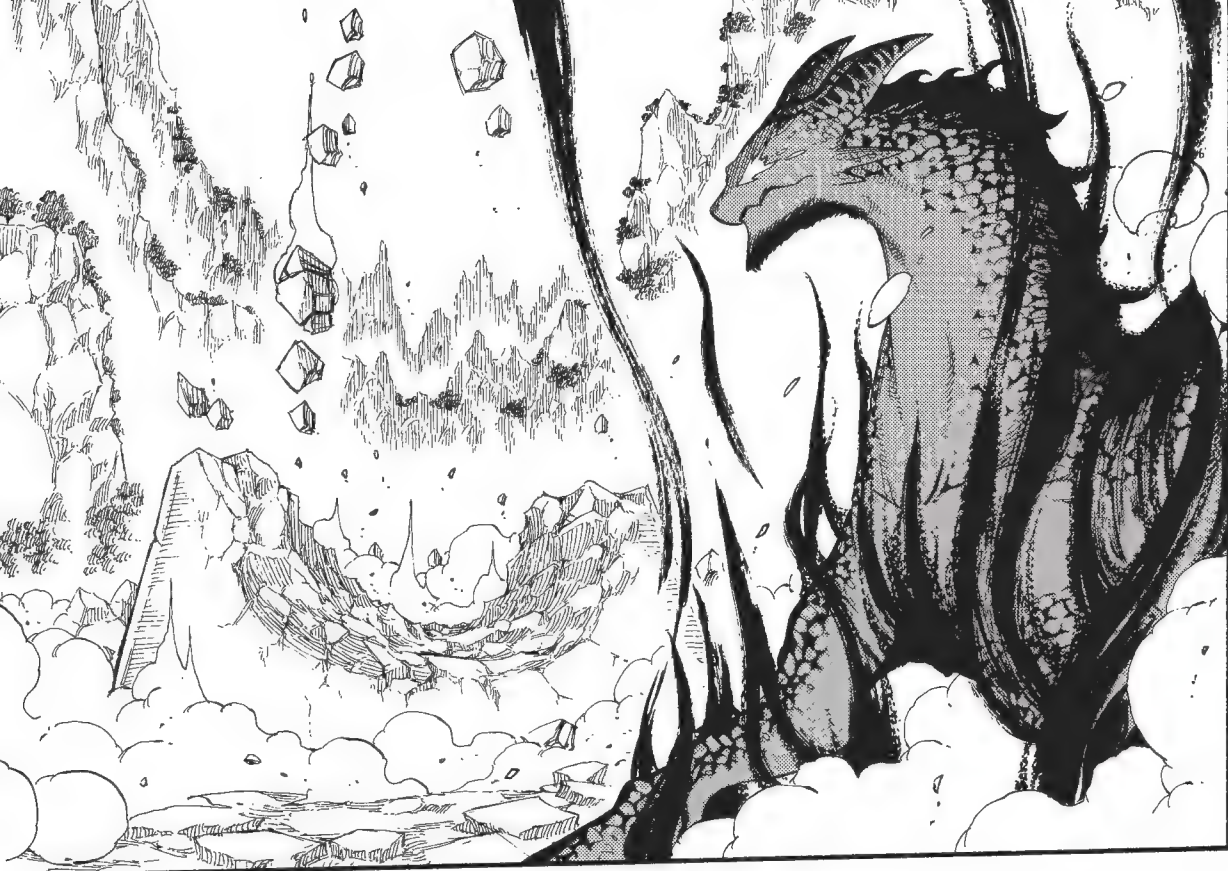
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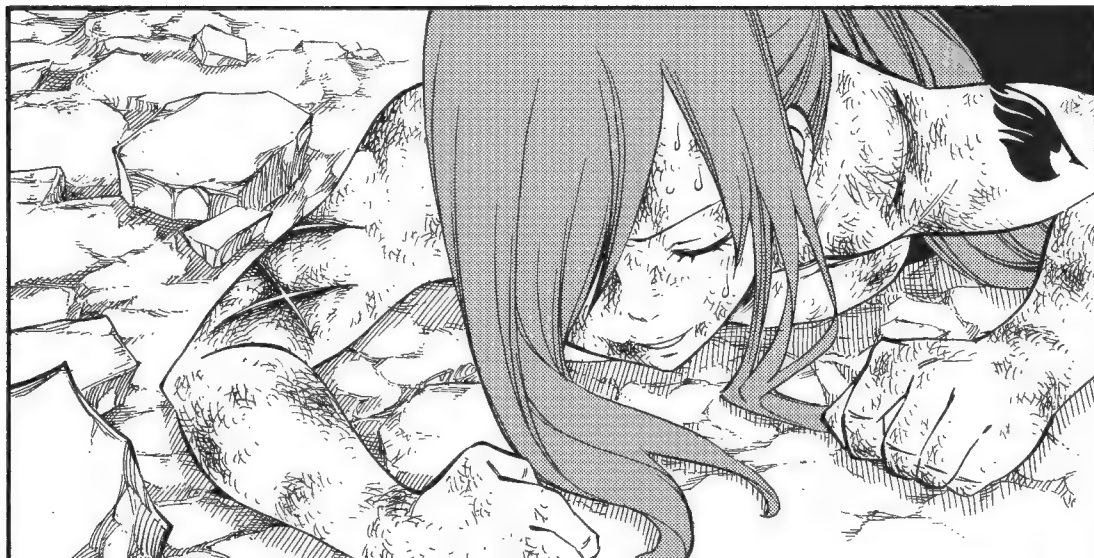
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Chapter 413: The Tome of END







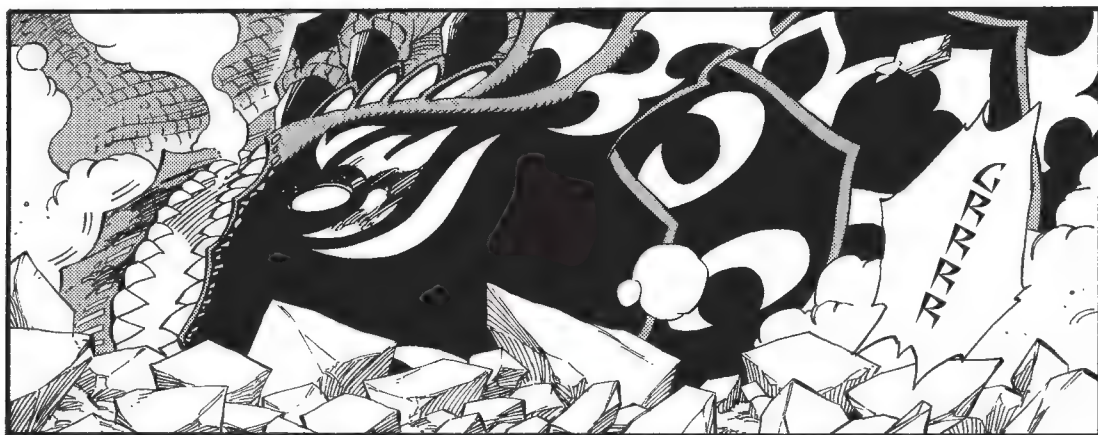




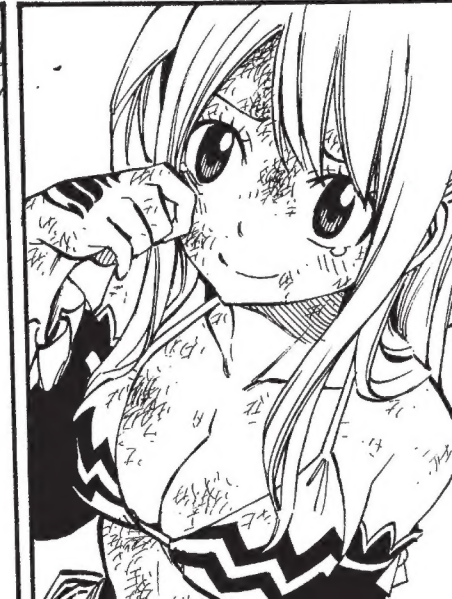
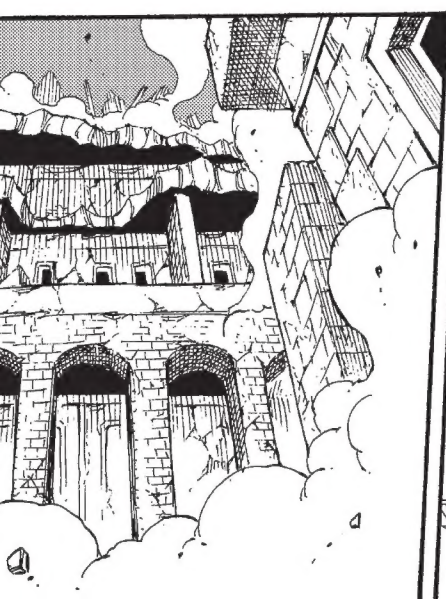
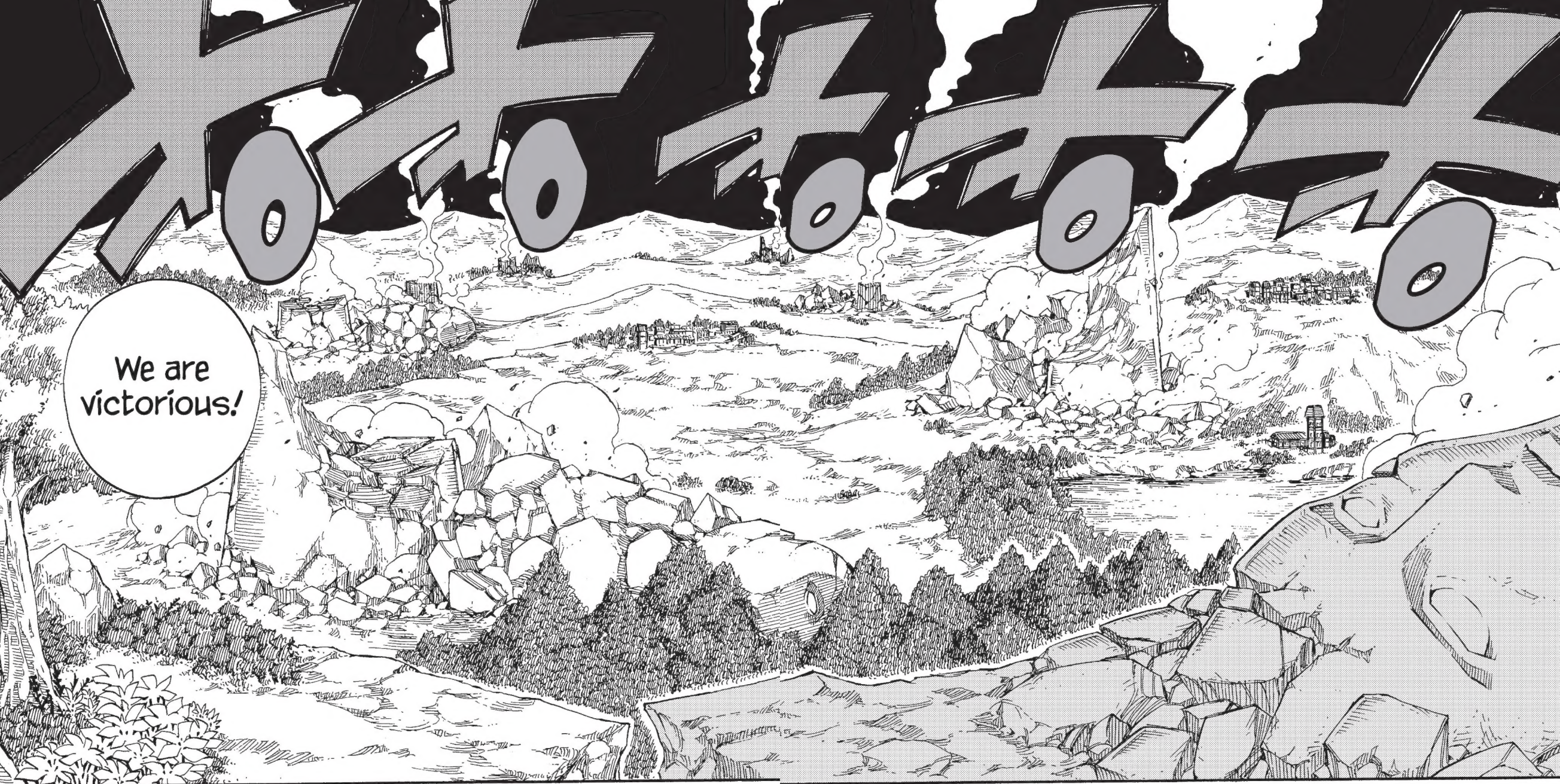
They blasted
all the Face
bombs on the
continent...

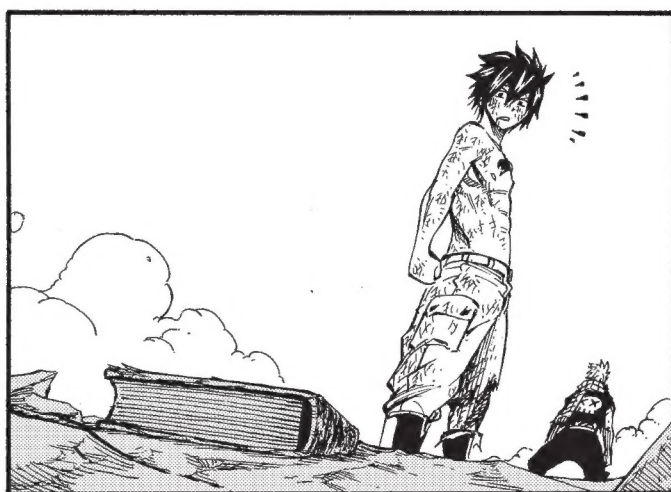


The
dragons...



We have
halted the
resurrection
of END!





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